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P R E S E N T

The King's Most Excellent Majesty
in C O U N C I L.

UPON the Humble Petition of Nicholas Brady
and Nahum Tate, this Day read at the
Board, setting forth, that the Petitioners have,
with their utmost Care and Industry, compleated
A New Version of the Psalms of David, in
English Metre fitted for Publick Use; and
bumbly praying His Majesty's Royal Allowance
that the said Version may be used in such Con-
gregations as shall think fit to receive it.

His Majesty taking the same into his Royal
Consideration, is pleased to Order in Council,
That the said New Version of the Psalms in
English Metre be, and the same is hereby Allow-
ed and Permitted to be used in all such Churches,
Chapels and Congregations, as shau think fit to
receive the same.

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A New Version
OF THE
PSALMS
OF
DAVID,

Fitted to the TUNES
Used in CHURCHES.

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HIS Majesty having Allowed
and Permitted the Use of
a New Version of the
Psalms of David, by Dr. Brady
and Mr. Tate, in all Churches,
Chapels and Congregations; I can-
not do less than wish a good Success
to this Royal Indulgence: For I find
it a Work done with so much
Judgment and Ingenuity, that I
am perswaded, it may take off that
unhappy Objection, which has bi-
rberto lain against the Singing
Psalms; and dispose that part of
Divine Service to much more Devo-
tion. And I do heartily recommend
the Use of this Version, to all my
Brethren within my Diocese.

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ALL Psalms of this Version in the Common Measure of Eights and Sixes ; (that is, where the first and third Lines of the single Stanza consist of eight Syllables each, the second and fourth Lines of six Syllables each) may be sung to any of the most usual Tunes : viz. York-tune, Windsor-tune, St. David's, Litchfield, Canterbury, Martyrs, St. Mary's, alias Hackney tune, &c. except Southwell.

As the Old 25 Psalm, may be sung the New, 25, 31, 51, 67, 130, 142.

As the Old 113, the 37, 46, 50, 63, 76, 91, 110, 113, 120.

As the Old 148, the 136, 148.

As the Old 104, the 149.

The Psalms in this Version of four Lines in a single Stanza, and eight Syllables in each Line (if Psalms of Praise or Chearfulness) may properly be sung as the Old 100 Psalm, or to the Tune of the Old 125 Psalm second Metre.

The Penitential, or Mournful Ps. in the same Measure, may be sung as the Old 51 Psalm, which Tunes, with all the fore-mentioned, are printed in the Supplement to this New Version.

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A New Version of the Psalms, &c.

Psalm I.

HOW blest is he who ne'er consents
by ill Advice to walk;
Nor stands in Sinners Ways, nor sits
where Men prophaneley talk.

2 But makes the perfect Law of God
his Business and Delight;
Devoutly reads therein by Day,
and meditates by Night.

3 Like some fair Tree which fed by Streams,
with timely Fruít do's bend,
He still shall flourish, and Success
all his Designs attend.

4 Ungodly Men and their Attempts
no lasting Root shall find;
Untimely blasted and dispers'd,
like Chaff before the Wind.

5 Their Guilt shall strike the Wicked dumb
before the Judge's Face:
No formal Hypocrite shall then
amongst the Saints have place.

6 For God approves the just Man's Ways,
to Happiness they tend;
But Sinners and the Paths they tread,
shall both in Ruin end.

Psalm ii.

1 **W**ITH restless and ungovern'd Rage,
why do the Heathen storm?
Why in such rash Attempts engage,
as they can ne'er perform?

2 The great in Counsel and in Might,
their various Forces bring;
Against the Lord, they all unite,
and his anointed King.

3 Must we submit to their Commands?
presumptuously they say;
No, let us break their slavish Bands,
and cast their Chains away.

4 But God, who sits enthron'd on high,
and sees how they combine,
Does their conspiring Strength defy,
and mocks their vain Design.

5 Thick Clouds of Wrath divine shall break
on his rebellious Foes ;
And thus will he in Thunder speak,
to all that dare oppose.

6 " Tho' madly you dispute my Will,
" the King that I ordain,
" Whose Throne is fix'd on Sion's Hill,
" shall their securely reign.

7 Attend, O Earth, whilst I declare
God's uncontrouled Decree ;
" Thou art my Son, this Day my Heir,
" have I begotten thee.

8 " Ask, and receive thy full Demands,
" thine shall the Heathen be ;
" The utmost Limits of the Lands.
" shall be possest'd by thee.

9 " Thy threat'ning Scepter thou shalt shake,
" and crush them ev'ry where ;
" As Massy Bars of Iron break,
" the Potter's brittle Ware.

10 Learn then, ye Princes, and give ear
ye Judges of the Earth ;

11 Worship the Lord with holy Fear,
rejoice with awful Mirth.

12 Appease the Son with due respect,
your timely Homage pay,
Lest he revenge the bold Neglect,
incens'd by your Delay.

13 If but in Part his Anger rise,
who can endure the Flame ?
Then blest are they whose Hope relies
on his most holy Name.

Psalm iii.

1 HOW num'rous, Lord, of late are grown
the Troublers of my Peace !
And as their Numbers hourly rise,
so does their Rage increase.

2 Insulting they my Soul upbraid,
and him whom I adore ;
The God in whom he trusts, say they,
shall rescue him no more,

3 But thou, O Lord, art my Defence,
on thee my Hopes rely ;

Thou

P S A L M IV.

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Thou art my Glory, and shalt yet
lift up my Head on high.

4 Since whenso'er in like Distress
to God I made my Pray'r :
He heard me from his Holy Hill,
why should I now despair ?

5 Guarded by him, I laid me down,
my Sweet Repose to take ;
For I through him securely sleep,
through him in safety wake.

6 No Force nor Fury of my Foes
my Courage shall Confound ;
Were they as many Hosts as Men,
that have beset me round.

7 Arise and save me, O my God,
who oft haft own'd my Cause,
And scatter'd oft these Foes to me,
and to thy righteous Laws.

5 Salvation to the Lord belongs,
he only can defend ;
His Blessing he extends to all
that on his Pow'r depend.

Psalms iv,

1 O Lord, that art my righteous Judge,
to my Complaint give ear,
Thou still redeem'st me from Distress,
have Mercy, Lord, and hear.

2 How long will ye, O Sons of Men,
to blot my Fame devise ?
How long your vain Designs pursue,
and spread malicious Lies ?

3 Consider that the righteous Man,
is God's peculiar Choice ;
And when to him I make my Pray'r,
he always hears my Voice.

4 Then stand in awe of his Commands,
flee eve'ry thing that's ill ;
Commune in private with your Hearts,
and bend them to his Will.

5 The Place of other Sacrifice
let Righteousness supply ;
And let your Hope securely fix'd ;
on God alone rely.

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6 While

6 While worldly Minds impatient grow
more prosperous Times to see ;
Still let the glories of thy Face
shine brightly, Lord, on me.

7 So shall my Heart o'erflow with Joy
more lasting and more true,
Than theirs, who Stores of Corn and Wine
successively renew.
Then down in Peace I'll lay my Head,
and take my needful Rest;
No other Guard, O Lord, I crave,
of thy Defence possest.

Psalm v.

1 Lord, hear the Voice of my Complaint,
accept my secret Pray'r ;

2 To thee alone, my King my God,
will I for Help repair.

3 Thou in the Morn my Voice shalt hear,
and with the dawning Day,
To the devoutly I'll look up,
to thee devoutly pray.

4 For thou the Wrongs that I sustain
canst never, Lord, approve ;
Who from thy sacred Dwelling-place
all Evil dost remove.

5 Not long shall stubborn Fools remain,
unpunished in thy View :
All such as act unrighteous Things
thy Vengeance shall pursue.

6 The sland'ring Tongue, O God of Truth
by thee shall be destroy'd :
Who hat'st alike the Man in Blood
and in Deceit employ'd.

7 But when thy boundless Grace shall me
to thy lov'd Courts restore,
On thee I'll fix my longing Eyes,
and humbly thee adore.

8 Conduct me by thy righteous Laws,
for watchful is my Foe,
Therefore, O Lord, make plain the Way
wherein I ought to go.

9 Their Mouth vents nothing but Deceit,
their Heart is set on Wrong ;

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Their Throat is a devouring Grave,
they flatter with their Tongue.

10 By their own Counsels let them fall,
oppres'd with Loads of Sin ;
For they against thy righteous Laws
have harden'd Rebels been.
11 But let all those who trust in thee,
with Shouts their Joy proclaim ;
Let them rejoice whom thou preserv'st
and all that love thy Name.
12 To righteous Men, the righteous Lord,
his Blessing will extend ;
And with his Favour all his Saints,
as with a Shield defend.

Psalm vi.

1 THY dreadful Anger, Lord, restrain,
and spare a Wretch forlorn :
Correct me not in thy fierce Wrath,
too heavy to be born.
2 Have mercy, Lord, for I grow faint,
unable to endure
The Anguish of my aking Bones,
which thou alone canst cure.
3 My tortur'd Flesh distracts my Mind,
and fills my Soul with Grief ;
But, Lord, how long wilt thou delay
to grant me thy Relief ?
4 Thy wonted Goodness, Lord, repeat,
and ease my troubled Soul ;
Lord, for thy wond'rous Mercy's sake,
vouchafe to make me whole.
5 For after Death no more can I
thy glorious Acts proclaim ;
No Prais'nes of the silent Grave
can magnify thy Name.
6 Quite tir'd with Pain, with groaning faint,
no hope of Ease I see ;
The Night that quiets common Griefs,
is spent in Tears by me.
7 My Beauty fades ; my Sight grows dim, -
my Eyes with Weaknes close ;
Old Age o'er takes me while I think
on my insulting Foes.

8 Depart

8 Depart, ye wicked ; in my Wrongs
ye shall no more rejoice ;
For God, I find accepts my Tears,
and listens to my Voice.

9, 10 He hears and grants my humble Pray'r,
and they that wish my fall,
Shall blush and Rage to see that God
protects me from them all.

Psalm vii.

1 O Lord, my God, since I have placed
my Trust alone in thee ;
From all my Persecutors Rage,
do thou deliver me.

2 To save me from my threat'ning Foe,
Lord interpose thy Pow'z ;
Left, like a Savage Lion, he
my helpless Soul devour.

3, 4 If I am guilty, or did e'er
against his Peace combine ;
Nay, if I have not spar'd his Life,
who sought unjustly mine ;

5 Let then to persecuting Foes,
my Soul become a Prey ;
Let them to Earth tread down my Life,
in Dust my Honour lay.

6 Arise, and let thine Anger, Lord,
in my Defence engage ;
Exalt thyself above my Foes
and their insulting Rage :
Awake, awake, in my behalf
the Judgment to dispense,
Which thou hast righteously ordain'd
for injur'd Innocence.

7 So to thy Throne adoring Crowds
shall still for Justice fly ;
O ! therefore for their sake resume,
thy Judgment-Seat on high.

8 Impartial Judge of all the World,
I trust my Cause to thee ;
According to my Just Deserts,
so let thy Sentence be.

9 Let wicked Acts and wicked Men,
together be o'erthrown ;

But

But guard the just, thou, God, to whom
the Hearts of both are known.

10, 11 God me protects ; not only me,
but all of upright Heart ;
And daily lays up Wrath for those
who from his Laws depart.

12 If they persist, he wets his Sword,
his Bow stands ready bent ;

13 Even now with swift Destruction Wing'd
his pointed Shafts are sent.

14 The Plots are fruitless which my Foe
unjustly did conceive :

15 The Pit he digg'd for me, has prov'd
his own untimely Grave.

16 On his own Head his spite returns,
whilst I from Harm am free ;
On him the Violence is fall'n,
which he design'd for me.

17 Therefore will I the righteous Ways
of Providence proclaim ;
I'll sing the Praise of God most high,
and celebrate his Name.

Psalm viii.

1 O Thou, to whom all Creatures bow
within this earthly Frame,
Thro' all the Word how great art thou ?
how glorious is thy Name !
In Heav'n thy wond'rous Acts are sung,
nor fully reckon'd there ;

2 And yet thou mak'st the Infant Tongue
thy boundless Praise declare.
Thro' thee the Weak confound the Strong,
and crush their haughty Foes ;
And so thou quell'st the wicked Throng
that thee and thine oppose.

3 When Heav'n, thy beaut'ous Works on high,
employs my wond'ring Sight ;
The Moon, that nightly rules the Sky,
with Stars of feebler Light.

4 What's Man (say I) that, Lord, thou lov'st
to keep him in thy Mind ?
Or what his Off-spring, that thou prov'st
to him so wond'rous kind ?

5 Him

5 Him next in Pow'r, thou didst create
 to thy celestial Train ;
6 Ordain'd with Dignity and State,
 o'er all thy Works to reign.
7 They jointly own his powerful Sway,
 the Beasts that prey or graze ;
8 The Bird that Wings its airy Way ;
 the Fish that cuts the Seas
9 O thou to whom all Creatures bow
 within this earthly Frame,
 Thro' all the World how great art thou !
 how glorious is thy Name.

Psalms ix.

1 TO celebrate thy Praise, O Lord,
 I will my Heart prepare ;
 To all the list'ning World thy Works,
 thy wond'rous Works declare.
2 The Thought of them shall to my Soul
 exalted Pleasure bring ;
 Whilst to thy Name, O thou most High !
 triumphant Praise I sing.
3 Thou mad'st my haughty Foes to turn
 their Backs in shameful flight ;
 Struck with thy Presence down they fell,
 they perish at thy sight.
4 Against insulting Foes advanc'd
 thou didst my Cause maintain ;
 My Right asserting from thy Throne,
 where Truth and Justice reign.
5 The Insolence of Heathen Pride
 thou hast reduc'd to shame
 Their wicked Off-spring quite destroy'd,
 and blotted out their Name.
6 Mistaken Foes ! your haughty Threats
 are to a Period come :
 Our City stands which you design'd
 to make our common Tomb.
7, 8 The Lord for ever lives, who has
 his righteous Throne prepar'd,
 Impartial Justice to dispense,
 to punish or reward.
9 God is a constant sure Defence
 against oppressing Rage :
 As Troubles rise, his needful Aids
 in our behalf engage.

P S A L M I X.

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10 All those who have his Goodness prov'd
will in his Truth confide ;
Whose Mercy ne'er forsook the Man
that on his Help rely'd.
11 Sing Praises therefore to the Lord ;
from Sion his Abode ;
Proclaim his Deeds till all the World
confess no other God.

P A R T II.

12 When he enquiry makes for Blood,
he'll calls the Poor to mind ;
The injur'd humble Man's Complaint
Relief for him shall find.
13 Take pity on my Troubles, Lord,
which spiteful Foes create,
Thou that hast rescu'd me so oft
from Death's devouring Gate.
14 In Sion then I'll sing thy Praise,
to all that Love thy Name ;
And with loud Shouts of grateful Joy
thy saving Pow'r proclaim.
15 Deep in the Pit they digg'd for me
the Heathen Pride is laid ;
Their guilty Feet to their own Snare,
are heedlessly betray'd.
16 Thus by the just Returns he makes,
the mighty Lord is known ;
While wicked Men by their own Plots
are shamefully o'erthrown.
17 No single Sinner shall escape
by Privacy obscur'd ;
Nor Nation from his just Revenge
by Numbers be secur'd.
18 His suff'ring Saints when most distrest,
he ne'er forgets to aid ;
Their Expectation shall be crown'd,
though for a time delay'd.
19 Arise, O Lord, assert thy Pow'r,
and let not Man o'ercome ;
Descend to Judgment, and pronounce
the guilty Heathens Doom.
20 Strike Terror thro' the Nations round,
till by consenting Fear,

They

They, to each other and themselves,
but mortal Men appear.

Psalm x.

- 1 THY Presence why withdraw'st thou, Lord?
why hid'st thou now thy Face ;
When dismal Times of deep Distress
call for thy wotted Grace.
- 2 The Wicked, swell'd with lawless Pride,
have made the Poor their Prey :
O let them fall by those Designs
which they for others lay.
- 3 For strait they triumph, if Success
their thriving Crimes attend ;
And sordid Wretches whom God hates,
perversely they commend.
- 4 To own a Pow'r above themselves
their haughty Pride disdains :
And therefore in their stubborn Mind
no thought of God remains.
- 5 Oppressive Methods they pursue,
and all their Foes they fling ;
Because thy Judgments unobserv'd,
are far above their Sight.
- 6 They fondly think their prosp'rous State
shall unmolested be :
They think their vain Designs shall thrive
from all Misfortune free.
- 7 Vain and deceitful is their Speech,
with Curses fill'd and Lies ;
By which the Mischief of their Heart
they study to disguise.
- 8 Near publick Roads they lie conceal'd,
and all their Art employ ;
The Innocent and Poor at once
to rifle and destroy.
- 9 Not Lions, couching in their Dens,
surprise their heedless Prey
With greater Cunning, or express
more savage Rage than they.
- 10 Sometimes they act the harmless Man,
and modest Looks they wear ;
That so deceiv'd, the Poor may less
their sudden Onset fear.

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P A R T II.

1 For God, they think, no notice takes
of their unrighteous Deeds ;
He never Minds the suff'ring Poor,
nor their Oppression heeds.

2 But thou, O Lord, at length arise,
stretch forth thy mighty Arm ;
And, by the Greatness of thy Pow'r,
defend the Poor from harm.

3 No longer let the wicked vaunt,
and proudly boasting say ;
“ Tush, God regards not what we do,
“ he never will repay.

4 But sure thou seest, and all their Deeds
impartially dost try ;
The Orphans therefore and the Poor
on thee for Aid rely.

5 Defenceless let the wicked fall,
of all their Strength bereft :
Confound, O God, their dark Desigⁿs,
'till no remains are left.

6 Assert thy just Dominion, Lord,
which shall for ever stand ;
Thou who the Heathen didst expel
from this thy chosen Land.

7 Thou hear'st the humble Suplicants,
that to thy Throne repair ;
Thou first prepar'st their Hearts to pray ;
and then accept'st their Pray'r.

8 Thou in thy righteous Judgment weigh'st
the Fatherless and Poor ;
That so the Tyrants of the Earth
may persecute no more.

Psalm xi.

1 Since I have plac'd my Trust in God,
a Refuge always nigh :
Why should I, like a tim'rous Bird,
to distant Mountains fly ?

2 Behold the wicked bend their Bow,
and ready fix their Dart :
Lurking in Ambush to destroy
the Man of upright Heart.

3 When

3 When once the firm Assurance fails,
which publick Faith imparts,
'Tis time for Innocence to fly
from such deceitful Arts.

4 The Lord hath both a Temple here,
and righteous Throne above ;
Where he surveys the Sons of Men,
and how their Counsels move.

5 If God, the Righteous, whom he loves,
for trial does correct ;
What must the Sons of Violence,
whom he abhors, expect ?

6 Snares, Fire, and Brimstone on their Heads
shall in one Tempest show'r ;
This dreadful Mixture his Revenge
into their Cup shall pour.

7 The righteous Lord, will righteous Deeds
with signal Favour Grace ;
And to the upright Man disclose
the Brightness of his Face.

Psalm xii.

1 Since godly Men decay, O Lord,
do thou my Cause defend ;
For scarce these wretched times afford
one just and faithful Friend.

2 One Neighbour now can scarce believe
what t'other doth impart ;
With flattering Lips they all deceive,
and with a Double Heart.

3 But Lips that with Deceit abound
can never prosper long ;
God's righteous Vengeance will confound
the proud blaspheming Tongue.

4 In vain those foolish Boasters say
“ our Tongues are sure our own ;
“ With doubtful Words we'll still betray,
“ and be controul'd by none.

5 For God, who hears the suff'ring Poor,
and their Oppression knows,
Will soon arise and give them Rest,
in spite of all their Foes.

6 The Word of God shall still abide,
and void of Falsehood be :

As

P S A L M XIII, XIV.

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As is the Silver, sev'n times try'd,
from drossy Mixture free.

7 The Promise of his aiding Grace
shall reach its purpos'd End ;
His Servants from this faithless Race
he ever shall defend.
8 Then shall the wicked be perplex'd,
nor know which way to fly ;
When those whom they despis'd and vex'd
shall be advanc'd on high.

Psalm xiii.

1 HOW long wilt thou forget me, Lord ?
must I for ever mourn ?
How long wilt thou withdraw from me ?
oh ! never to return ?
2 How long shall anxious Thoughts my Soul
and Grief my Heart oppress ?
How long my Enemies insult,
and I have no Redress ?
3 O hear, and to my longing Eyes
restore thy wonted Light ;
And suddenly, or I shall sleep
in everlasting Night.
4 Restore me, least they proudly boast
'twas their own Strength o'ercome ;
Permit not them that vex my Soul
to triumph in my Shame.
5 Since I have always plac'd my Trust
beneath thy Mercy's Wing,
Thy saving Health will come, and then
my Heart with Joy shall spring.
6 Then shall my Song with Praise inspir'd,
to thee, my God, ascend,
Who to thy Servant in Distress,
such Bounty did'st extend.

Psalm xiv.

1 SURE, wicked Fools must needs suppose,
that God is nothing but a Name ;
Corrupt and lewd their Practice grows,
no Breast is warm'd with holy Flame.
2 The Lord look'd down from Heav'n's high
and all the Sons of Men did view, (Tow'r
To see if any own'd his Pow'r.
if any Truth or Justice knew.

3 But

P S A L M X V.

3 But all, he saw, were gone aside,
 all were degen'rate grown and base,
None took Religion for their Guide,
 not one of all the sinful Race.

4 But can these Workers of Deceit
 be all so dull and senseless grown ?
That they like Bread my People eat,
 and God's Almighty Pow'r disown ?

5 How will they tremble then for fear,
 when his just Wrath shall them o'ertake
For, to the Righteous, God is near,
 and never will their Cause forsake.

6 Ill Men in vain with Scorn expose
 those Methods which the Good pursue ;
Since God a Refuge is for those
 whom his just Eyes with Favour view.

7 Would he his saving Pow'r employ,
 to break his People's servile Band !
Then shouts of universal Joy
 should loudly echo thro' the Land.

Psalm xv.

1 **L**ord, who's the happy Man that may
 to thy blest Courts repair ?
Not, Stranger-like, to visit them,
 but to inhabit there ?

2 'Tis he, whose ev'ry Thought and Deed,
 by Rules of Virtue moves ;
Whose gen'rous Tongue despains to speak
 the Thing his Heart disproves.

3 Who never did a Slander forge
 his Neighbour's Fame to wounds ;
Nor harken to a false Report,
 by Malice whisper'd round.

4 Who Vice, in all its Pomp and Pow'rs,
 can treat with just Neglect ;
And Piety, tho' cloath'd in Rags,
 religiously respect.

5 Who to his plighted Vows and Trust
 has ever firmly stood ;
And tho' he promise to his Loss,
 he makes his Promise good.

5 Whose Soul in Usury despains
 his Treasure to employ ;

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Whom no Rewards can ever bribe,
the Guiltless to destroy ;
The Man who by his steady Course
has Happiness ensur'd,
When Earth's Foundation shakes, shall stand
by Providence secur'd.

Psalm xvi.

- 1 Protect me from my cruel Foes,
and shield me, Lord, from Harm,
Because my Trust I still repose
on thy Almighty Arm.
- 2 My Soul all Help but thine does flight,
all Gods but thee disown ;
Yet can no Deeds of mine requite
the Goodness thou hast shown.
- 3 But those that strictly virtuous are,
and love the Thing that's right,
To favour always and prefer
shall be my chief Delight.
- 4 How shall their Sorrows be increas'd,
who other Gods adore ?
Their bloody Off'lings I detest,
their very Name abhor.
- 5 My Lot is fall'n in that blast Land
where God is truly known ;
He fills my Cup with lib'ral Hand,
tis he supports my Throne.
- 6 In Nature's most delightful Scene
my happy Portion lies ;
The Place of my appointed Reign
all other Lands out-vies.
- 7 Therefore my Soul shall bless the Lord,
whose Precepts give me Light,
And private Counsel still afford
in Sorrow's dismal Night.
- 8 I strive each Action to approve
to his all-seeing Eyes ;
No Danger shall my hopes remove,
because he still is nigh.
- 9 Therefore my Heart all Grief defies,
my Glory does rejoice ;
My Flesh shall rest in hope to rise,
wak'd by his pow'rful Voice.

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10 Thou, Lord, when I resign my Breath
my Soul from Hell shalt free:
Nor let thy holy one in Death
the least Corruption see,

11 Thou shalt the Paths of Life display
that to thy Presence lead;
Where Pleasure dwells without alloy,
and Joys that never fade.

Psalm xvii.

1 To my just Plea and sad Complaint,
attend, O righteous Lord,
And to my Pray'r, as 'tis unfeign'd,
a gracious Ear afford.

2 As in thy sight I am approv'd,
so let my Sentence be;
And with impartial Eyes, O Lord,
my upright Dealings see.

3 For thou has search'd my Heart by Day,
and visited by Night:
And on the strictest Tryal found
its secret Motions right.
Nor shall thy Justice, Lord, alone
my Hearts Designs acquit:
For I have purpos'd that my Tongue
shall no Offence commit.

I know what wick'ed Men would do,
their Safety to maintain:
But me thy just and mild Commands
from bloody Paths restrain.

5 That I may still in spite of Wrong,
my Innocence secure:
O guide me in thy righteous Ways,
and make my Footsteps sure.

6 Since heretofore, I ne'er in vain
to thee my Prayer address't:
O now my God incline thine Ear
to this my just Request.

7 The Wonders of thy Truth and Love
in my Defence engage,
Thou whose Right-hand preserves thy Son
from their Oppressors Rage.

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P A R T II.

1, 9 O keep me in thy thend'rest Care,
thy shelt'ring Wings stretch out,
To guard me safe from Savage Foes,
that compass me about.

10 O'ergrown with Luxury, enclos'd
in their own Fat they lie :
And with a proud blaspheming Mouth
both God and Man defy.

11 Well may they boast, for they have now
my Paths encompass'd round ;
Their Eyes at watch, the Bodies bow'd,
and couching on the Ground.

12 In Posture of a Lion set
when greedy of his Prey :
Or a young Lion when he lurks
within a covert Way.

13 Arise, O Lord, defeat their Plots,
their swelling Rage controul :
From wicked Men, who are thy Sword,
deliver thou my Soul.

14 From worldly Men, thy sharpest Scourge,
whose Portions here below ;
Who fill'd with earthly Stores, desire
no other Bliss to know.

15 Their Race is num'rous that partake
their Substance while they live ;
Their Heirs survive to whom they may
the vast Remainder give.

16 But I in uprightness thy Face
shall view without controul ;
And waking shall its image find
reflected in my Soul.

Psalm xviii.

2, 2 N O Change of Times shall ever shock
my firm Affection, Lord to thee ;
For thou hast always been my Rock,
a Fortress and Defence to me.
Thou my Deliverer art, my God,
my Trust is in thy mighty Power ;
Thou art my Shield from Foes abroad,
at home my Safe-guard and my Tow'r.

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P S A L M X V I I I .

3 To thee I will address my Pray'r,
 (to whom all Praise we justly owe)
 So shall I, by thy watchful Care,
 be guarded from my treach'rous Foe.
 4, 5 By Floods of wicked Men distress'd,
 with Seas of Sorrow compass'd round
 With dire infernal Pangs oppress'd,
 in Death's unwieldy Fetters bound.
 6 To Heaven I made my mournful Pray',
 to God address'd my humble Moan :
 Who graciously inclin'd his Ear,
 and heard me from his lofty Throne.

P A R T II.

7 When God arose my part to take,
 the conscious Earth was struck with fear
 The Hills did at his Presence shake,
 nor could his dreadful Fury bear.
 8 Thick Clouds of Smoke dispers'd abroad.
 Ensigns of Wrath before him came ;
 Devouring Fire around him glow'd,
 that Coals were kindled at its Flame.
 9 He left the beauteous Realms of Light,
 whilst Heav'n bow'd down its awful Head
 Beneath his Feet substantial Night
 was, like a sable Carpet spread.
 10 The Chariot of the King of Kings,
 which active Troops of Angels drew,
 On a strong Tempest's rapid Wings,
 with most amazing Swiftness flew.
 11, 12 Black wat'ry Mists and Clouds consip
 with thickest Shades his Face to veil ;
 But at his Brightness soon retir'd,
 and fell in show'rs of Fire and Hail.
 13 Thro' Heav'n's wide Arch a thund'ring
 God's angry Voice did loudly roar ;
 While Earth's sad Face with heaps of Hail
 and Flakes of Fire was cover'd o'er.
 14 His sharpen'd Arrows round he threw,
 which made his scatter'd Foes retreat ;
 Like Darts, his nimble Light'ning flew,
 and quickly finish'd their Defeat.
 15 The Deep its secret Stores disclos'd ;
 the World's Foundation naked lay,

P S A L M X V I I I .

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By his avenging Wrath expos'd,
which fiercely rag'd that dreadful Day.

P A R T III

16 The Lord did on my side engage,
from Heav'n (his Throne) my cause upheld ;
And snatch'd me from the furious Rage
of threat'ning Waves that proudly swell'd.

17 God his resistless Pow'r employ'd,
my strongest Foes attempts to break ;
Who else with Ease had soon destroy'd
the weak Defence that I could make.

18 Their subtle Rage had near prevail'd,
when I distress'd and friendless lay ;
But still when other Succours fail'd
God was my firm Support and Stay.

19 From Dangers that enclos'd me round,
he brought me forth, and set me free ;
For some just Cause his Goodness found,
that mov'd him to delight in me.

20 Because in me no Guilt remains,
God does his gracious Help extend ;
My Hands are free from bloody Stains,
therefore the Lord is still my Friend.

21, 22 For I his Judgments keep in sight,
in his just Paths I always trod ;
I never did his Statutes slight,
nor loofly wander'd from my God.

23, 24 But still my Soul, sincere and pure,
did ev'n from darling Sins refrain ;
His favours therefore yet endure,
because my Heart and Hands are clean.

P A R T IV

25, 26 Thou suit'st, O Lord, thy righteous Ways
to various Paths of Human-kind ;
They who for Mercy merit Praise,
with thee shall wond'rous Mercy find.
Thou to the Just shall Justice shew,
the Pure thy Purity shall see ;
Such as perversely chuse to go,
shall meet with due returns from thee.

27, 28 That he the humble Soul will save,
and crush the haughty's boasted Might,

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In me the Lord an Instance gave,
whose Darknes he has turn'd to Light,

29 On his firm Succour I rely'd,
and did o'er numerous Foes prevail ;
Nor fear'd whilst he was on my side,
the best defended Walls to Scale.

30 For God's designs shall still succeed,
his Word will bear the utmost Test :
He's a strong Shield to all that need,
and on his sure Protection rest.

31 Who then deserves to be ador'd,
but God, on whom my Hopes depend ?
Or who except the mighty Lord,
can with resistless Pow'r defend ?

P A R T V .

32, 33 'Tis God that girds my Armour on,
and all my just Designs fulfils ;
Through him my Feet can swiftly run
and nimbly climb the steepest Hills.

34 Lessons of War from him I take,
and manly Weapons learn to wield :
Strong Bows of Steel with Ease I break,
forc'd by my stronger Arms to yield.

35 The Buckler of his saving Health
protects me from assaulting Foes ;
His Hand sustains me, still my Wealth
and Greatness from his Bounty flows.

36 My Goings he enlarged abroad,
'till then to narrow Paths confin'd ;
And when in flipp'ry Ways I trod,
the Method of my Steps design'd.

37 Thro' him I num'rous Hosts defeat,
and flying Squadrons captive take :
Nor from my fierce Pursuits retreat,
'till I a final Conquest make.

38 Cover'd with Wounds in vain they try,
their vanquish'd Heads again to rear,
Spite of their boasted Strength they lie
beneath my Feet, and grovel there.

39 God when fresh Armies take the Field,
recruits my Strength, my Courage warms,
He makes my strong Opposers yield,
Subdu'd by my prevailing Arms :

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P S A L M X V I I I .

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Through him the Necks of prostrate Foes
my conqu'ring Feet in Triumph pres,
Aided by him I root out thole,
who hate and envy my Success

With loud Complaints all Friends they try'd,
but none were able to defend :
At length to God for help they cry'd,
but God would no Assistance lend.

Like flying Dust which Winds pursue,
their broken Troops I scatter'd round :
Their slaughter'd Bodies forth I threw,
like loathsome Dirt that clogs the Ground.

P A R T VI.

Our factious Tribes at strife till now,
by God's Appointment me obey ;
The Heathen to my Scipter bow,
and foreign Nations own my Sway.

Remotest Realms their Homage send,
when my successful Name they hear ;
Strangers to my Commands attend,
charm'd with Respect, or aw'd by Fear.

All to my Summons tamely yield,
or soon in Battle are dismay'd ;
For stronger Holds they quit the Field,
and still in strongest Holds afraid.

Let the eternal Lord be prais'd,
the Rock on whose Defence I rest,
To highest Heav'n his Name be rais'd
who me with his Salvation bles'd.

'Tis God that still supports my right,
his just Revenge my Foes pursues,
'Tis he that with resistless Might,
fierce Nations to my Yoke subdues.

My universal Safe-guard, he,
from whom my lasting Honours flow ;
He made me great and set me free,
from my remorseless bloody Foe.

Therefore to celebrate his Fame,
my grateful Voice to Heav'n I'll raise ;
And Nations, Strangers to his Name,
shail thus be taught to sing his Praise :

" God to his King Deliv'rance sends,
" shews his anointed signal Grace ;

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" His Mercy evermore extends,
" to David and his promis'd Race.

Psalm xix.

- 1 THE Heav'ns declare thy Glory, Lord,
which that alone can fill ;
The Firmament and Stars express
their great Creator's Skill.
- 2 The Dawn of each returning Day,
fresh Beams of Knowledge brings ;
And from the dark returns of Night,
Divine Instruction springs.
- 3 Their pow'rful Language to no Realm
or Region is confin'd ;
'Tis Nature's Voice, and understood
alike by all Mankind.
- 4 Their Doctrine does its sacred Sense
through Earth's extent display ;
Whose bright Contents the circling Sun
does round the World convey.
- 5 No Bridegroom on his Nuptial Day,
has such a cheerful Face ;
No Giant doth like him rejoice,
to run his glorious Race.
- 6 From East to West, from West to East,
his restless Course he goes,
And through his Progres chearful Light,
and vital Warmth bestows.

P A R T II

- 7 God's perfect Law converts the Soul
reclaims from false Desires ;
With sacred Wisdom his sure Word
the Ignorant inspires.
- 8 The Statutes of the Lord are just,
and bring sincere Delight ;
His pure Commands in search of Truth,
assist the feeblest Sight.
- 9 His perfect Worship here is fix'd,
on sure Foundations laid :
His equal Laws are in the Scales
of Truth and Justice weigh'd.
- 10 Of more esteem than Golden Mines,
or God refin'd with Skill ;
More sweet than Honey, or the Drops
that from the Comb distil.

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P S A L M XIX.

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My trusty Counsellors they are,
and friendly Warnings give :
Divine Rewards attend on those,
who by thy Precepts live.
But what frail Man observes how oft
he does from Virtue fall ?
O cleanse me from my secreit Faults,
thou God that know'st them all.
Let no presumptuous Sin, O Lord,
dominion have o'er me :
That by thy Grace preserv'd, I may,
the great Transgression flee.
So shall my Pray'r and Praises be,
with thy Acceptance blest ;
And I secure on thy Defence,
my Strength, and Saviour, rest.]

Psalm xx.

THE Lord to thy Request attend,
and hear thee in Distress :
The Name of Jacob's God defend,
and grant thy Arms Success.
To aid thee from on high repair,
and Strength from Sion give :
Remember all thy Offerings there :
thy Sacrifice receive.
To compass thy own Heart's Desire
thy Councils still direct ;
Make kindly all Events conspire
to bring them to effect.
To thy Salvation, Lord, for Aid
we chearfully repair,
With Banners in thy Name display'd,
" the Lord accept thy Pray'r.

Our Hopes are fix'd, that now the Lord
our Sovereign will defend,
From Heav'n resistless Aid afford,
and to his Pray'r attend.
Some trust in Steeds for War design'd,
on Chariots some rely :
against them all, we'll call to mind
the Pow'r of God most high.
But from their Steeds and Chariots thrown,
behold them thro' the Plain,

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Disorder'd, broke, and trampled down,
whilst firm our Troops remain :
9 Still save us. Lord, and still proceed
our rightful cause to bless ;
Hear, King of Heav'n, in times of need,
the Pray'rs that we address.

Psalm xxi.

1 THE King, O Lord, with Songs of Praise
Shall in thy Strength rejoice ;
With thy Salvation crown'd, shall raise
to Heav'n his cheerful Voice.
2 For thou, whate'er his Lips request,
not only didst impart :
But hast with thy Acceptance blest
the Wishes of his Heart.
3 Thy Goodness and thy tender Care
have all his Hopes out-gone :
A Crown of Gold thou mad'st him wear,
and sett'st it firmly on.
4 He pray'd for Life, and thou, O Lord,
did'st to his Pray'r attend :
And graciously to him afford
a Life that ne'er shall end.
5 Thy sure Defense through Nations round
has spread his glorious Name :
And his successful Actions crown'd
with Majesty and Fame.
6 Eternal Blessings thou bestow'st,
and makes his Joys encrease,
Whilst thou to him unclouded show'st
the Brightness of thy Face.

P A R T II .

7 Because the King on God alone
for timely Aid relies ;
His Mercy still supports his Throne,
and all his Wants supplies.
8 But righteous Lord, thy stubborn Foes
shall feel thy dreadful Hand :
Thy vengeful Arm shall find out those
that hate thy mild Command.
9 When thou against them dost engage,
thy just but dreadful Doom
Shall, like a glowing Oven's rage,
their Hopes and them consume.

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P S A L M XXII.

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10 Nor shall thy furious Anger cease,
or with their Ruin end ;
But root out all their guilty Race,
and to their Seed extend.

11 For all their Thoughts were set on ill,
their Hearts on Malice bent :
But thou with watchful Care didst still
the ill Effects prevent.

12 While they their swift retreat shall make
to scape thy dreadful Might,
Thy swifter Arrows shall o'er take.
and gaul them in their Flight.

13 Thus, Lord, thy wond'rous Strength dis-
and thus exalt thy Fame ; (close
Whilst we glad Songs of Praise compose
to thy Almighty Name.

Psalm xxii.

1 MY God, my God, why leav'st thou me,
when I with anguish faint ?
O why so far from me remov'd,
and from my loud complaint ?
2 All Day, but all the Day unheard,
to thee do I complain,
With Cries implore relief all Night,
but cry all Night in vain.

3 Yet thou art still the righteous Judge
of Innocence oppres'd ;
And therefore Isr'el's Praises are
of right to thee address'd.
4, 5 On thee our Ancestors rely'd,
and thy Deliverance found :
With pious Confidence they pray'd,
and with Success were crown'd.

6 But I am treated like a Worm,
like none of human Birth ;
Not only by the great revil'd,
but made the Rabble's Mirth.
7 With Laughter all the gazing Crowd
my Agonies survey ;
They shoot the Lip, they shake the Head,
and thus deriding say.

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8 " In God he trusted, boasting oft,
 " that he was Heaven's Delight ;
 " Let God come down to save him now,
 " and own his Favourite.

P A R T II

9 Thou mad'st my teeming Mother's Womb
 a living Offspring bear;
 When but a Suckling at the Breast,
 I was thy early Care.

10 Thou, Guardian like, didst shield from
 my helpless Infant-Days ; (Wrongs
 And since hast been my God and Guide,
 thro' Life bewilder'd Ways.

11 Withdraw not then so far from me,
 when Trouble is so nigh:
 O send me Help, thy Help, on which
 I only can rely.

12 High pamper'd Bulls, a frowning Herd,
 from Basan's Forest met ;
 With Strength proportion'd to their Rage,
 have me around beset.

13 They gape on me, and ev'ry Mouth
 a yawning Grave appears ;
 The Desert Lion's savage Roar
 less dreadful is than theirs.

P A R T III.

14 My Blood, like Water's spill'd, my Joints
 are rack'd and out of frame ;
 My Heart dissolves within my Breast,
 like Wax before the Flame.

15 My Strength like Potter's Earth is parch'd
 my Tongue cleaves to my Jaws ;
 And to the silent Shades of Death
 my fainting Soul withdraws.

16 Like Blood-hounds to surround me, they
 in pack'd Assemblies meet ;
 They pierc'd my inoffensive Hands,
 they pierc'd my harmless Feet.

17 My Body's rack'd till all my Bones
 distinctly may be told :
 Yet such a Spectacle of Woe
 as Pastime they behold.

8 As Spoil, my Garments they divide,
 lots for my Vesture cast :
9 Therefore approach, O Lord, my Strength,
 and to my Succour haste.
10 From their sharp Sword protect thou me,
 (of all but Life bereft !)
Nor let my darling in the Pow'r
 of cruel Dogs be left.

11 To save me from the Lion's Jaws,
 thy present Succour send ;
As once, from goring Unicorns,
 thou didst my Life defend,
12 Then to my Brethren I'll declare
 the Triumphs of thy Name,
In Presence of assembled Saints,
 thy Glory thus proclaim.

13 " Ye Worshippers of Jacob's God,
 " all you of Isr'el's Line,
" O Praise the Lord, and to your Praise
 " sincere Obedience join.
14 " He ne'er disdain'd on low Distress
 " to cast a gracious Eye :
" Nor turn'd from Poverty his Face,
 " but heard its humble Cry.

P A R T I V .

15 Thus in thy sacred Courts will I
 my cheerful Thanks express,
In Presence of thy Saints perform
 the Vows of my Distress.
16 The meek Companions of my Grief
 shall find my Table spread,
And all that seek the Lord shall be
 with Joys immortal fed.

17 Then shall the glad converted World,
 to God their Homage pay ;
And scatter'd Nations of the Earth,
 one Sov'reign Lord obey.
'Tis his supreme Prerogative
 o'er Subject Kings to reign :
Tis just that he should rule the World,
 who does the World sustain.

18 The Rich, who are with Plenty fed,
 his Bounty must confess ;

36 P S A L M X X I I I , X X I V .

The Sons of Want by him reliev'd,
their gen'rous Patron bless ;
With humble Worship to his Throne,
they all for Aid resort :
That Pow'r which first their Beings gave,
can only them support.
30, 31 Then shall a chosen spotless Race,
devoted to his Name,
To their admiring Heirs his Truth,
and glorious Acts proclaim.

Psalm xxiii.

1 THE Lord himself, the mighty Lord,
vouchsafes to be my guide :
The Shepherd by whose constant Care
my Wants are all supply'd.
2 In tender Gras he makes me feed,
and gently there repose ;
Then leads me to cool Shades, and where
refreshing Water flows.
3 He does my wand'ring Soul reclaim,
and to his endless Praise,
Instruct with humble Zeal to walk
in his most righteous Ways.
4 I pass the gloomy Vale of Death,
from Fear and Danger free ;
For there his aiding Rod and Staff
defend and comfort me.
5 In Presence of my spiteful Foes,
he does my Table spread :
He crowns my Cup with chearful Wine,
with Oil anoints my Head.
6 Since God doth thus his wond'rous Love
through all my Life extend ;
That Life to him I will devote,
and in his Temple spend.

Psalm xxiv.

1 His spacious Earth is all the Lord's,
the Lord's her Fulness is ;
The World, and they that dwell therein,
by sov'reign Right are his.
2 He fram'd and fix'd it on the Seas ;
and his Almighty Hand

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Upon inconstant Floods has made
the stable Fabrick stand.

But for himself this Lord of all,
one chosen Seat design'd ;

O ! who shall to that sacred Hill
desir'd Admittance find ?

The Man whose Hands and Heart are pure,
whose Thoughts from Pride are free,

Who honest Poverty prefers
to gainful Perjury.

This, this is he, on whom the Lord,
shall shew' r his Blessings down,
Whom God his Saviour shall vouchsafe
with righteousness to crown.

Such is the Race of Saints, by whom
the sacred Courts are trod ;

And such the Proselytes that seek
the Face of Jacob's God.

Erect your Heads, eternal Gates,
unfold to entertain

The King of Glory : See, he comes
with his celestial Trail,

Who is the King of Glory ? who ?
the Lord for Strength renew'n'd

In Battle mighty o'er his Foes
eternal Victor crown'd.

Erect your Heads, ye Gates, unfold,
in State to entertain

The King of Glory, see, he comes
with all his shining Train.

Who is this King of Glory ? who ?
the Lord of hosts renown'd :

Of Glory he alone is King,
who is with Glory crown'd

Psalm xxv.

To God in whom I trust,
I lift my Heart and Voice ;

O let me not be put to Shame,
nor let my Foes rejoice.

Those who on thee rely,
let no disgrace attend ;

Be that the shameful Lot of such
as wilfully offend,

4, 5 To me thy Truth impart,
and lead me in thy Way ;
For thou art he that brings me help,
on thee I wait all Day.

6 Thy Mercies and thy Love,
O Lord, recal to mind ;
And graciously continue still,
as thou wert ever, kind.

7 Let all my youthful Crimes
be blotted out by thee ;
And for thy wond'rous Goodness sake
in Mercy think on me.

8 His Mercy and his Truth
the righteous Lord displays,
In bringing wand'ring Sinners home,
and teaching them his Ways.

9 He those in Justice guides,
who his Direction seek ;
And in his sacred Paths shall lead
the Humble and the Meek.

10 Through all the Ways of God,
both Truth and Mercy shine,
To such as with religious Hearts
to his blest Will incline.

P A R T II .

11 Since Mercy is the Grace
that most exalts thy Fame.
Forgive my heinous Sin, O Lord,
and so advance thy Name.

12 Who'er with humble Fear
to God his Duty pays,
Shall find the Lord a faithful Guide
in all his righteous Ways.

13 His quiet Soul with Peace
shall be for ever blest,
And by his num'rous Race the Land
successively possess.

14 For God to all his Saints
his secret Will imparts,
And doth his gracious Cov'nant write
in their obedient Hearts.

15 To him I lift my Eyes,
and wait his timely Aid,

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Who breaks the strong and treach'rous Snare,
which for my Feet was laid.

16 O turn, and all my Griefs
in Mercy, Lord, redress ;
For I am compas'd round with Woes,
and plung'd in deep Distress.

17 The Sorrows of my Heart
to mighty Sums increase ;
O from this dark and dismal State
my troubled Soul release.

18 Do thou with tender Eyes
my sad Afflictions see ;
Acquit me, Lord, and from my Guilt
entirely set me free.

19 Consider, Lord, my Foes,
how vast their Numbers grow !
What lawless Force and Rage they use,
what boundless Hate they show !

20 Protect and set my Soul
from their fierce Malice free ;
Nor let me be ashain'd, who place
my stedfast Trust in thee.

21 Let all my righteous Acts
to full Perfection rise,
Because my firm and constant Hope
on thee alone relies.

22 To Isr'el's chosen Race
continue ever kind.
And in the midst of all their Wants
let them thy Succour find.

Psalm xxvi.

1 Judge me, O Lord, for I the Paths
of Righteousness have trod ;
I cannot fail, who all my Trust
repose on thee my God.

2 Search, thou my Heart with Innocence
will shine the more 'tis try'd ;
For I have kept thy Grace in view,
and made thy Truth my Guide.

3 never for Companions took
the Idle or Prophane,
No Hypocrite with all his Arts,
could e'er my Friendship gain.

I hate the busy plotting Crew,
who make distracted times :
And shun their wicked Company,
as I avoid their Crimes.

6 I'll wash my Hands in Innocence,
and bring a Heart so pure,
That when thy Altar I approach
my Welcome shall secure.

7, 8 My Thanks I'll publish there, and tell
how thy Renown excels :
That Seat affords me most delight,
in which thy Honour dwells.

9 Pass not on me the Sinners Doom,
who Murder make their Trade ;

10 Who others Rights by secret Bribes
or open Force invade.

11 But I will walk in Paths of Truth,
and Innocence pursue :
Protect me therefore, and to me
thy Mercies, Lord, renew.

12 In spite of all assaulting Foes,
I still maintain my Ground :
And shall survive amongst thy Saints,
thy Praises to resound.

Psalm xxvii.

1 W hom should I fear, since God to me
is saving Health and Light ?
Since strongly he my Life supports,
what can my Soul affright ?

2 With fierce Intent my Flesh to tear,
when Foes beset me round,
They stumbled, and their lofty Crests
were made to strike the Ground.

3 Through him my Heart undaunted dares
with mighty Hosts to cope ;
Through him in doubtful Strains of War,
for good Success I hope.

4 Henceforth within his House to dwell,
earnestly desired,
His wond'rous Beauty there to view,
and of his Will enquire.

5 For

5 For there may I with Comfort rest,
in times of deep Distress ;
And safe as on a Rock abide
in that secure Reefs,
6 Whilst God o'er all my haughty Foes,
my lofty Head shall raise,
And in my joyful Tribute bring,
and sing glad Songs of Praise.

P A R T II.

7 Continue, Lord, to hear my Voice,
when' er to thee I cry ;
In Mercy my Complaints receive,
nor my Request deny.
8 When us to seek thy glorious Face,
thou kindly dost advise :
" Thy glorious Face I'll always seek,
my grateful Heart replies.
9 Then hide not thou thy Face, O Lord,
nor me in Wrath reject :
My God and Saviour, leave not him
thou didst so oft protect.
10 Tho' all my Friends and Kindred too
their helpless Charge forsake,
Yet thou whose Love excels them all,
wilt Care and Pity take.
11 Instruct me in thy Paths, O Lord,
my Ways directly guide,
Lest envious Men who watch my Steps
should see me tread aside.
12 Lord, disappoint my cruel Foes,
defeat their ill Desire ;
Whose lying Lips and bloody Hands,
against my Peace conspire.
13 I trusted that my future Life
should with thy Love be crown'd ;
Or else my fainting Soul had sunk
with Sorrows compas'd round.
14 God's time with patient faith expect,
and he'll inspire thy Breast,
With inward Strength : Do thou thy Part,
and leave to him the rest.

Psalm xxviii.

1 O Lord, my Rock, to thee I cry,
in Sighs consume my Breath,
O answer, or I shall become,
like those that sleep in Death.

2 Regard my Supplications, Lord,
the Cries that I repeat ;
With weeping Eyes and lifted Hands
before thy Mercy-Seat.

3 Let me escape the Sinner's Doom,
who make a Trade of ill ;
And ever speak the Person fair,
whose Blood they mean to spill.

4 According to their Crimes extent
let Justice have its Course :
Relentless be to them as they
have sinn'd without Remorse.

5 Since they the Work of God despise,
nor will his Grace adore,
His Wrath shall utterly destroy,
and build them up no more.

6 But I, with due Acknowledgement,
his Praises shall resound ;
From whom the Cries of my Distress
a gracious Answer found.

7 my Heart its Confidence repos'd
in God, my Strength and Shield ;
In him I trusted, and return'd
triumphant from the Field.
As he has made my Joys compleat,
'tis just that I should raise
The cheerful Tribute of my Thanks,
and thus resound his Praise.

8 " His aiding Pow'r supports the Troops
" that my just cause maintain ;
" 'Twas he advanc'd me to the Throne,
" 'tis he secures my Reign.

9 Preserve thy Chosen, and proceed
thine Heritage to bless ;
With Plenty prosper them in Peace,
in Battle with Success.

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Psalm xxix.

1. E Princes that in Might excel,
your grateful Sacrifice prepare ;
God's glorious Actions loudly tell,
his wond'rous Power to all declare.

2. To his great Name fresh Altars raise,
devoutly due respect afford ;
Him in his holy Temple praise
where he's with solemn State ador'd.

3. 'Tis he that with amazing Noise
the watry Clouds in sunder breaks ;
The Ocean trembles at his Voice,
when he from Heav'n in Thunder speaks.

4. How full of Pow'r his Voice appears !
with what Majestick Terror crown'd !
Which from their Roots tall Cedars tears,
and strews their scatter'd Branches round !

5. They and the Hills on which they grow
are sometimes hurried far away :
And leap, like Hinds that bounding go,
or Unicorns in youthful Play.

6. When God in Thunder loudly speaks,
and scatter'd Flames of Lightning sends,
The Forest nods, the Desert quakes,
and stubborn Kadish lowly bends.

7. He makes the Hinds to cast their young,
and lays the Beasts dark Coverts bare ;
While those that to his Courts belong
securely sing his Praises there.

8. God rules the angry Floods on high,
his boundless Sway shall never cease ;
His Saints with Strength he will supply,
and bless his own with constant Peace.

Psalm xxx.

1. LL celebrate thy Praises, Lord,
who didst thy Pow'r employ ;
To raise my drooping Head, and check
my Foes insulting Joy.

2. In my Distress I cry'd to thee,
who kindly didst relieve,
And from the Grave's expecting Jaws
my hopeless Life retrieve.

+ Thus

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4 Thus to his Courts, ye Saints of his,
with Songs of Praise repair ;
With me commemorate his Truth,
and providental Care.

5 His Wrath has but a Moment's Reign,
his Favour no Decay :
Your Night of Grief is recompene'd
with Joy's returning Day.

6 But I in prosp'rous Days presum'd,
no sudden Change I fear'd,
Whilst in my Sun-shine of Success
no low'ring Cloud appear'd.

7 But soon I found thy Favour, Lord,
my Empire's only Trust ;
For when thou hid'st thy Face I saw
my Honour laid in Dust.

8 Then as I vainly had presum'd
my Error I confess'd ;
And thus with supplicating Voice,
thy Mercy's Throne address'd :

9 " What Profit is there in my Blood,
" congeal'd by death's cold Night ?
" Can silent Ashes speak thy Praise,
" thy wondrous Truth recite ?

10 " Hear me, O Lord, in Mercy hear,
" thy wonted Aid extend ;
" Do thou send Help, on whom alone
" I can for Help depend.

11 'Tis done ! thou hast my mournful Scene
to Songs and Dances turn'd ;
Invested me in Robes of State
who late in Sackcloth mourn'd.

12 Exalted thus, I'll gladly sing,
thy Praise in grateful Verse :
And as thy Favours endless are,
thy endless Praise rehearse.

Psalm xxxi.

1 Deliver me, Lord, from Shame,
for still I trust in thee :
As just and righteous is thy Name,
from Danger set me free.

2 Bow down thy gracious Ear,
and speedy succour send ;

Do thou my stedfast Rock appear,
to shelter and defend.

Since thou, when Foes oppress,
my Rock and Fortress art,
To guide me forth from this Distress
thy wonted help impart.
Release me from the Snare,
which they have closely laid :
Since I, O God, my Strength repair
to Thee alone for Aid.

To thee, the God of Truth,
my Life, and all that's mine,
(For thou preserv'st me from my Youth,)
I willingly resign.

All vain Designs I hate,
of those that trust in Lies,
And still my Soul in ev'ry State,
to God for Succour flies

P A R T II .

Those Mercies thou hast shown,
I'll chearfully express ;
For thou hast seen my Straits, and known
my Soul in deep Distress.
When Keilah's treach'rous Race
did all my Strength enclose,
Thou gav'st my Feet a larger Space
to shun my watchful Foes.

Thy Mercy, Lord, display,
and hear my just Complaint ;
For both my Soul and Flesh decay,
with Grief and Hunger faint,
Sad Thoughts my Life oppres,
my Years are spent in Groans ;
My Sins have made my Strength decrease,
and e'en consum'd my Bones.

My Foes my Suff'rings mock'd,
my Neighbours did upbraid ;
My Friends at Sight of me were shock'd,
and fled as Men dismay'd,
Forsook by all am I.
as dead and out of Mind ;
And like a shatter'd Vessel lie,
whose Parts can ne'er be join'd.

13 Yet

13 Yet fland'ring Words they speak,
and seem my Pow'r to dread.
Whilst they together Counsel take,
my guiltless Blood to shed.

14 But still my steadfast Trust,
I on thy help repose ;
That thou my God art Good and Just,
my Soul with Comfort knows.

P A R T III .

15 Whate'er Events betide,
thy Wisdom times them all ;
Then, Lord, thy Servant safely hide
from those that seek his fall.

16 The Brightness of thy Face
to me, O Lord, disclose ;
And, as thy Mercies still increase,
preserve me from my Foes.

17 Me from dishonour save,
who still have called on Thee :
Let that and Silence in the Grave,
the Sinner's Portion be.

18 Do thou their Tongues restrain,
whose Breath in Lies is spent :
Who false Reports with proud disdain,
against the Righteous vent.

19 How great thy Mercies are,
to such as fear thy Name !
Which thou, for those that trust thy Care,
dost to the World proclaim.

20 Thou keep'st them in thy Sight.
from proud Oppressors free ;
From Tongues that do in Strife delight
they are preserv'd by thee.

21 With Glory and Renown
God's Name be ever bless'd ;
Whose Love in Keilah's well-fenc'd Town
was wond'rously express'd !

22 I said in hasty Flight,
“ I'm banish'd from thine Eyes ;
Yet still thou keep'st me in thy Sight,
and hear'st my earnest Cries.

23 O all ye Saints, the Lord
which eager Love pursue,

P S A L M X X X I I .

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Who to the Just will Help afford,
and give the Proud their due.

4 Ye that on God rely
courageously proceed :
For he will still your Hearts supply
with Strength in Time of need.

P s a l m x x x i i .

1 H E's blest whose Sins have Pardon gain'd
no more in Judgment to appear ;

2 Whose Guilt Remission has obtain'd,
and whose Repentance is sincere.

3 While I conceal'd the fretting Sore,
my Bones consum'd without Relief ;
All Day did I with Anguish roar,
but no Complaints affwag'd my Grief.

4 Heavy on me thy Hand remain'd
by Day and Night alike distress'd,
Till quite of vital Moisture drain'd,
like Land with Summer's drought opprest.

5 No sooner I my Wound disclos'd,
the Guilt that tortur'd me within,
But thy Forgiveness interpos'd,
and Mercy's healing Balm pour'd in.

6 True Penitents shall thus succeed,
who seek thee whilst thou mayst be found ;
They from the common Deluge freed,
shall see remorseless Sinners drown'd.

7 Thy Favour, Lord. in all Distress,
my Tow'r of Refuge I must own ;
Thou shalt my haughty Foes suppress,
and me with Songs of Triumph crown.

8 In my Instruction then confide,
you that would Truth's safe Path discry :
Your Progress I'll securely Guide,
and keep you in my watchful Eye.

9 Submit your selves to Wisdom's Rule,
like Men that Reason have attain'd ;
Not like th' ungovern'd Horse and Mule,
whose Fury must be cub'd and rein'd.

10 Sorrows on Sorrows multiply'd
the harden'd Sinner shall confound ;
But them who in his Truth confide,
Blessings of Mercy shall surround.

In His

11 His Saints that have perform'd his Laws
their Life in Triumphs shall employ:
Let them (as they alone have cause)
in grateful Raptures shout for Joy.

Psalm x x x i i .

1 LET all the Just to God with Joy,
their cheerful Voices raise
For well the righteous it becomes
to sing glad Songs of Praise.
2, 3 Let Harps and Psalteties and Lutes
in joyful Consort meet;
And new made Songs of loud Applause
the Harmony compleat.

4, 5 For faithful is the Word of God,
his Works with Truth abound;
He justice loves, and all the Earth
is with his Goodness crown'd.
6 By his Almighty Word at first,
the Heav'ly Arch was rear'd:
And all the beauteous Hosts of Light,
at his command appear'd.
7 The swelling Floods together roll'd,
he makes in Heaps to lie;
And lays, as in a Store-house Safe,
the wat'ry Treasures by.
8, 9 Let Earth and all that dwell therein,
before him trembling stand:
For when he spake the Word, 'twas made,
'twas fix'd at his Command.

10 He, when the Heathen closely plot,
their Counsels undermines:
His Wisdom ineffectual makes
the People's rash Designs.
11 Whate'er the mighty Lord decrees,
shall stand for ever sure:
The settled Purpose of his Heart,
to Ages shall endure.

P A R T II .

12 How happy then are they to whom
the Lord for God is known!
Whom he from all the World besides,
has chosen for his own!

P S A L M X X X I V .

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13, 14, 15, He all the Nations of the Earth
from Heav'n his Throne survey'd ;
He saw their works, and view'd their thoughts,
by him their Hearts were made.

16, 17 No King is safe by num'rous Hosts,
their Strength the Strong deceives :
No manag'd Horse by Force or Speed,
his warlike Rider saves.
18, 19 'Tis God, who those that trust in him,
beholds with gracious Eyes :
He frees their Soul from Death, their Want
in time of Dearth supplies.

20, 21 Our Soul on God with patience waits,
our Help and Shield is he :
Then, Lord, let still our Hearts rejoice,
because we trust in thee.
22 The Riches of thy Mercy, Lord,
do thou to us extend ;
Since we, for all we want or wish,
on thee alone depend.

Psalm xxxiv.

1 Hro' all the changing Scenes of Life,
in Trouble and in Joy,
The Praises of my God shall still
my Heart and Tongue employ.
2 Of his Deliv'rance I will boast,
'till all that are distrest,
From my Example Comfort take,
and charm their Griefs to rest.

3 O magnify the Lord with me,
with me exalt his Name ;
4 When in Distress to him I call'd,
he to my Rescue came.
5 Their drooping Hearts were soon refresh'd,
who look'd to him for Aid ;
6 Fair'd Success in ev'ry Face,
a cheerful Air display'd.

7 Behold (say they) behold the Man
" whom Providence reliev'd :
8 So dangerously with woes beset,
" so wond'rously retriev'd !
9 The Hosts of God encamp'd around
the Dwellings of the Just ;

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Deliv'rance he affords to all,
who on his Succour trust.

8 O make but trial of his Love,
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
who in his Truth confide.

9 Fear him, ye Saints, and you will then
have nothing else to fear ;
Make you his Service your Delight,
he'll make you Wants his Care.

10 While hungry Lions lack their Prey
the Lord will Food provide
For such as put their Trust in him,
and see their Needs supply'd.

P A R T II.

11 Approach, ye piously dispos'd,
and my Instruction hear,
I'll teach you the true Discipline
of his religious Fear.

12 Let him who length of Life desires,
and prosp'rous Days will see,
From fland'ring Language keep his Tong
his Lips from Falsehood free.

13 The crooked Paths of Vice decline,
and Virtue's Ways pursue ;
Establish Peace where 'tis begun,
and where 'tis lost renew.

14 The Lord from Heaven beholds the Just
with favourable Eyes ;
And when distress'd his gracious Ear,
is open to their Cries.

15 But turns his wrathful Look on those
whom Mercy can't reclaim,
To cut them off, and from the Earth
blot out their hated Name.

16 Deliv'rance to his Saints he gives,
when his Relief they crave,

17 He's nigh to heal the broken Heart
and contrite Spirit save.

18 The Wicked oft, but still in vain,
against the Just conspire :

19 For under their Affliction's weight
he keeps their Bones entire.

P S A L M X X X V .

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1 The Wicked from their wicked Arts,
their Ruin shall derive ;
Whilst righteous Men whom they detest,
shall them and theirs survive :
2 For God preserves the Souls of those
who on his Truth depend ;
To them and their Posterity
his Blessings shall descend.

Psalm x x x v .

3 Against all those that strive with me,
O Lord, assert my Right ;
With such as War unjustly wage
do thou my Battles fight.
4 Thy Buckler take, and bind thy Shield
upon thy warlike Arm :
Stand up, my God, in my defence,
and keep me safe from Harm.
5 Bring forth thy Spear, and stop their Course
that haste my Blood to spill ;
Say to my Soul, " I am thy Health,
" and will preserve thee still.
6 Let them with Shame be cover'd o'er,
who my Destruction sought ;
And such as did my harm devise,
be to Confusion brought.
7 Then shall they fly, dispers'd like Chaff
before the driving Wind ;
God's vengeful Minister of Wrath
shall follow close behind.
8 And when thro' dark and slipp'ry Ways
they strive his Rage to shun,
His vengeful Ministers of Wrath
shall gead them as they run.
9 Since unprovok'd by any Wrong
they hid their treach'rous Snare :
And for my harmless Soul a Pit
did causelessly prepare.
10 Surpriz'd by Mischiefs unforeseen
by their own Arts betray'd ;
Their Feet shall fall into the Net,
which they for me had laid.
11 Whilst my glad Soul shall God's great Name
for this Deliv'rance bless :

And by his saving Health secur'd,
its grateful Joy express.
 10 My very Bones shall say, O Lord,
who can compare with thee,
Who sett'st the poor and helpless Man
from strong Oppressors free?

P A R T II.

11 False Witnesses, with forg'd Complaints
against my Truth combin'd ;
And to my Charge such Things they laid,
as I had ne'er design'd ;
 12 The Good which I to them had done,
with Evil they repaid ;
And, did by Malice undeserv'd,
my harmless Life invade.
 13 But as for me when they where sick,
I still with Sackcloath mourn'd ;
I pray'd and fasted, and my Pray'r
to my own Breast return'd.
 14 Had they my Friends or Brethren been,
I could have done no more ;
Nor with more decent Signs of Grief,
a Mother's Loss deplore.
 15 How diff'rent did their Carriage prove
in times of my Distress ?
When they in Crowds together met,
did savage Joy express.
The Rabble too in num'rous Throngs,
by their Example came :
And ceas'd not with reviling Words,
to wound my spotless Fame.
 16 Scoffers that noble Tables haunt,
and earn their Bread with Lies ;
Did gnash their Teeth, and fland'reous Jealousy
maliciously devise.
 17 But, Lord, how long wilt thou look on ?
on my behalf appear ;
And save my guiltless Soul, which they
like rav'ning Beasts would tear.

P A R T III.

18 So I before the list'ning World
shall grateful Thanks express ;

And where the great Assembly meets,
thy Name with Praises b'efs.

19 Lord, suffer not my causeless Foes,
who me unjustly hate ;
With open Joy, our secret Signs,
to mock my sad Estate.

20 For they, with Hearts averse from Peace
industriously devise,
Against the Men of quiet Minds,
to forge malicious lies.

21 Nor with these private Arts content,
loud they vent their Spite ;
And say, " At last we found him out,
" he did it in our Sight.

22 But thou, who dost both them and me
with righteous Eye survey,
Affert my Innocence, O Lord,
and keep not far away.

23 Stir up thy self in my behalf
to Judgment, Lord, awake ;
Thy righteous Servant's Cause, O God,
to thy Decision take.

24 Lord, as my Heart has upright been,
let me thy Justice find :
Nor let my cruel Foes obtain
the Triumph they design'd.

25 O Let them not among themselves,
in boasting Language fay,
At length our wishes are compleat,
at last he's made our Prey.

26 Such as in my Harm rejoic'd,
or Shame their Faces hide,
And foul Dishonour wait on those
that proudly me defy'd.
Whilst they with cheerful Voices shout,
who my Just Cause befriend ;
And bless the Lord, who loves to make
success his Saints attend.

27 Shall my Tongue thy Judgments sing
spir'd with grateful Joy ;
And cheerful Hymns in praise of thee,
all all my Days employ.

Psalm x x x v i .

MY crafty Foe, with flatt'ring Art,
his wicked Purpose would disguise,
But Reason whispers to my Heart,
he ne'er sets God before his Eyes.

2 He sooths himself, retired from Sight,
secure he thinks his treach'rous Game ;
Till his dark Plots expos'd to Light,
their false Contriver brand with Shame.

3 In Deeds he is my Foe confess'd,
whilst with his Tongue he speaks me fair,
True Wisdom's banish'd from his Breast,
and Vice has sole Dominion there.

4 His wakeful Malice spends the Night
in forging his accurst Designs ;
His obstinate ungen'rous Spite,
no execrable Means declines.

5 But, Lord, thy Mercy, my sure Hope,
above the heav'nly Orb ascends ;
Thy sacred Truth's unmeasur'd Scope,
beyond the spreading Sky extends.

6 Thy Justice, like the Hills remains,
unfathom'd Depths thy Judgments are ;
Thy Providence the World sustains,
the whole Creation is thy Care.

7 Since of thy Goodness all partake,
with what Assurance should the Just
Thy shelt'ring Wings their Refuge make,
and Saints to thy Protection trust ?

8 Such Guests shall to thy Courts be led,
to banquet on thy Love's Repast,
And drink as from a Fountain's Head,
of Joy that shall for ever last.

9 With thee the Springs of Life remain.
thy Presence is eternal Day ;

10 O let thy Saints thy Favour gain ;
to upright Hearts thy Truth display.

11 Whilst Pride's insulting Foot would spurn,
and wicked Hand my Life surprize ;

12 Their Mischiefs on themselves return :
down, down they're fall'n no more to rise

Psalm

Psalm xxxvii.

'HO' wicked Men grow Rich or Great,
Yet let not their successful State,
Thy Anger or thy Envy raise;
For they, cut down like tender Grass,
Or like young Flowers away shall pass,
Whose blooming Beauty soon decays.

3 Depend on God, and him obey,
So thou within the Land shalt stay,
Secure from Danger and from Want:
4 Make his Commands thy chief delight.
And he thy Duty to requite,
Shall all thy earnest Wishes grant.

5 In all thy Ways trust thou the Lord,
And he will needful help afford,
To perfect ev'ry just Design:
6 And make, like Light, serene and clear,
Thy clouded Innocence appear,
And as a mid-day Sun to shine.

7 With quiet Mind on God depend,
And patiently for him attend,
Nor let thy Anger fondly rise ;
Tho' wicked Men with Wealth abound,
And with Success the Plots are crown'd,
Which they maliciously devise :

From Anger cease, and Wrath forsake,
Let no ungovern'd Passion make
Thy wav'ring Heart espouse their Crime
For God shall sinful Men destroy,
Whilst only they the Land enjoy,
Who trust on him, and wait his time.

How soon shall wicked Men decay ;
Their Place shall vanish quite away,
Nor by the strictest Search be found :
Whilst humble Soul's possess the Earth,
Rejoicing still with godly Mirth,
With Peace and Plenty always crown'd

PART II.

While sinful Crowds with falfe Design,
against the Righteous few combine,
And gnash their Teeth, and threatening stand
C. 4. 15 God.

13 God shall their empty Plots deride,
And laugh at their defeated Pride ;
He sees their Ruin near at Hand,

14 They draw the Sword and bend the Bow,
The poor and needy to o'erthrow
And Men of upright Lives to slay :

15 But their strong bows shall soon be broke,
Their sharpen'd Weapons mortal Stroke
Thro' their own Hearts shall force its way,

16 A little with God's Favour blest,
And by one righteous Man possest,
The Wealth of many bad excels :

17 For God supports the just Man's Cause,
But as for those that break his Laws,
Their unsuccessful Pow'r he quells.

18 His constant Care the upright guides,
And over all their Life presides ;
Their Portion shall for ever last :

19 They, when Distress o'erwhelms the Earth,
shall be unmov'd, and even in Dearth,
The happy Fruits of Plenty taste.

20 Not so the wicked Men, and those
Who proudly dare God's Will oppose,
destruction is their hapless Share :
Like Fat of Lambs their Hopes and they
Shall in an Instant melt away,
And vanish into Smoke and Air.

P A R T III.

21 Whilst Sinners brought to sad Decay,
Still borrow on and never pay,
The Just have Power and will to give :

22 For such as God vouchsafes to blest,
Shall peaceably the Earth possest,
And those he curses shall not live.

23 The good Man's Way is God's Delight.
He orders all the Steps aright ;
Of him that moves by his Command ;

24 Tho' he sometimes may be distress'd,
Yet shall he ne'er be quite oppres'd,
For God upholds him with his Hand.

25 From my first Youth till Age prevail'd,
I never saw the Righteous fail'd,

Or Want o'ertake his numerous Race.
6 Because Compassion fill'd his Heart,
And he did cheerfully impart,
God made his Offspring's Wealth increase.

With Caution shun each wicked Deed,
In Virtue's Ways with Zeal proceed,
And so prolong your happy Days :
For God who Judg'ment loves does still
Preserve his Saints secure from Ill,
While soon the wicked Race decays.

9, 10, 31 The upright shall possess the Land.
His Portion shall for Ages stand ;
His Mouth with Wisdom is supply'd.
His Tongue by Rules of Judgment moves,
His Heart the Law of God approves ;
Therefore his Footsteps never slide.

P A R T IV.

In vain the watchful Sinner lies,
In vain the Righteous to surprize,
In vain his Ruin does decree :
God will not him defenceless leave
To his Revenge expos'd, but save,
And when he's sentenc'd set him free.

Wait still on God, keep his Command,
And thou exalted in the Land,
Thy blest Possession ne'er shalt quit.
The wicked soon destroy'd shall be,
At his dismal Tragedy
Thou shalt a safe Spectator fit.

The Wicked I in Pow'r have seen,
Like a Bay-tree fresh and green,
That spreads its pleasant Branches round :
He was gone as swift as Thought,
Tho' in ev'ry place I sought,
No sign or tract of him I found.

Observe the perfect Man with Care,
Mark all such as upright are ;
Their roughest Days in Peace shall end,
While on the latter End of those
Who dare God's sacred Will oppose
A common Ruin shall attend.

39 God to the Just will Aid afford,
Their only Safe-guard is the Lord,
Their Strength in Time of Need is he.
40 Because on him they still depend,
The Lord will timely Succour send,
And from the Wicked set them free.

Psalm xxxviii.

1 **T**HY chastening Wrath, O Lord, restrain
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From good Discourse, but that restraint
increas'd my inward Pain.
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and no repose cou'd take,
Till strong Reflections fann'd the Fire,
and thus at length I spake.

39 God to the Just will Aid afford,
Their only Safe-guard is the Lord,
Their Strength in Time of Need is he.
40 Because on him they still depend,
The Lord will timely Succour send,
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4 Lord, let me know my term of Days,
how soon my Life will end :
The numerous Train of Ills disclose,
which this frail State attend.

5 My Life thou know'st is but a span,
a Cypher sums my years,
And every Man in best Estate,
but Vanity appears.

6 Man like a shadow vainly walks,
with fruitless Care oppress'd ;
He heaps up Wealth but cannot tell
by whom 'twill be possess'd.

7 Why then should I on worthless Toys
with anxious Care attend ?
On thee alone my stedfast Hope
shall ever, Lord, depend

8, 9 Forgive my Sins, nor let me scorn'd
by foolish Sinners be,
For I was dumb, and murmur'd not,
because 'twas done by thee.

10 The dreadful Burthen of thy Wrath,
in Mercy soon remove :
Lest my frail Flesh too weak to bear
the heavy Load should prove,

11 For when thou chast'nest Man for Sin,
thou mak'st his Beauty fade
(so vain a thing is he !) like Cloth
by fretting Moths decay'd.

12 Lord, hear my Cry, accept my Tears,
and listen to my Pray'r ;
Who sojourn like a Stranger here,
as all my Fathers were.

13 O spare me yet a little time,
my wasted Strength restore,
Before I vanish quite from hence.
and shall be seen no more.

Psalm xl.

1 I waited meekly for the Lord,
till he'd vouchsaf'd a kind reply :
Who did his gracious Ear afford,
and heard from Heav'n my humble Cry

2 He took me from the dismal Pit,
when founder'd deep in miry Clay ;

On

On solid Ground he plac'd my Feet,
and suffer'd not my Steps to stray.

3 The Wonders he for me has wrought,
shall fill my Mouth with Songs of Praise ;
And others to his Worship brought,
to hopes of like Deliv'rance raise.

4 For Blessings shall that Man reward,
who on the Almighty Lord relies,
Who treats the proud with disregard,
and hates the Hypocrite's disguise.

5 Who can the wond'rous Works recount,
which thou, O God, for us hast wrought ?
The Treasures of thy Love surmount
the Pow'r of Numbers, Speech & Thought.

6 I've learnt that thou hast not desir'd
Off'rings and Sacrifice alone ;
Nor Blood of guiltless Beasts requir'd
for Man's Transgressions to atone.

7 I therefore come --- come to fulfil
the Oracles thy Books impart :
8 Tis my delight to do thy Will ;
thy Law is written in my Heart.

P A R T II .

9 In full Affsemblies I have told
thy Truth and Righteousness at large :
Nor did, thou know'it, my Lips with-hold
from utt'ring what thou gav'it in Charge :

10 Nor kept within my Breast confin'd
thy Faithfulness and saving Grace ;
But preach'd thy Love with all design'd,
that all might that and Truth embrace.

11 Then let those Mercies I declar'd
to others, Lord, extend to me ;
Thy loving-kindness my reward.
thy Truth my safe Protection be.

12 For I with Troubles am distres'd,
too numberless for me to bear ;
Nor less with Loads of Guilt oppress'd,
that plunge and sink me to Despair.

13 As soon, alas ! may I recount
the Hairs on this afflicted Head !
My vanquish'd Courage they surmount,
and fill my drooping Soul with Dread.

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P S A L M X L I.
P A R T III.

13 But, Lord, to my Relief draw near,
for never was more pressing need!
In my Deliv'rance, Lord appear,
and add to that Deliv'rance Speed.

14 Confusion on their Heads return,
who to destroy my Soul combine;
Let them, defeated blush and mourn,
ensnar'd in their own vile Design.

15 Their Doom let Desolation be,
with Shame their Malice be repaid,
Who mock'd my Confidence in thee,
and Sport of my Affliction made.

16 While those who humbly seek thy Face,
to joyful Triumph shall be rais'd;
And all who prize thy saving Grace
with me resound the Lord be prais'd.

17 Thus, wretched though I am and poor,
of me the Almighty Lord takes care,
Thou, God, who only canst restore,
to my Relief with speed repair.

Psalm xli.

1 **H**appy the Man, whose tender Care,
relieves the Poor distress'd;
When troubles compass him around,
the Lord shall give him rest.

2 The Lord his Life, with Blessings crown'd,
in safety shall prolong;
And disappoint the Will of those,
that seek to do him wrong.

3 If he in languishing Estate
oppress'd with Sickness lie;
The Lord will easy make his Bed,
and inward Strength supply.

4 Secure of this, to thee, my God,
I thus my Pay'r address'd;
“ Lord, for thy Mercy, heal my Soul,
“ though I have much transgress'd,

5 My cruel Foes, with sland'rous Words
attempt to wound my Fame;
“ When shall he die (say they) and Men
“ forget his very Name ?

6 Suppose they formal Visits make,
‘tis all but empty show;

They

They gather Mischief in their Hearts,
and vent it were they go.

With private Whispers, such as these,
to hurt me they devise ;
A sore Disease afflicts him now,
“ he’s fall’n no more to rise.

My own familiar bosom Friend,
on whom I most rely’d
Has me, whose daiiy Guest he was,
with open Scorn defy’d.

But thou, my sad and wretched State,
in Mercy, Lord, regard ;
And raise me up, that all their Crimes
may meet their just Reward.

By this, I know thy gracious Ear
is open when I call :
Because thou suffer’st not my Foes
to triumph in my Fall.

Thy tender Care secures my Life
from Danger and Disgrace :
And thou vouchsaf’st to set me still
before thy glorious Face.

Let therefore Isr’el’s Lord and God
from Age to Age be bless’d :
And all the People’s glad Applause,
with loud Amens expres’d.

Psalm xlvi.

A pants the Hart for cooling Streams,
when heated in the Chace ;
So longs my Soul, O God, for thee,
and thy refreshing Grace.
For thee, my God, the living God,
my thirsty Soul doth pine ;
O ! when shall I behold thy Face,
thou Majesty Divine !

Tears are my constant Good, while thus,
insulting Foes upbraid,
Deluded Wretch where’s now thy God,
“ and where’s his promis’d Aid ?
I sigh when’er my musing Thoughts
those happy Days present,
When I with Troops of pious Friends,
thy Temple did frequent.

When I advanc'd with Songs of Praise,
my solemn Vows to pay,
And led the joyful sacred Throng
that kept the Festal Day.

5 Why restless, why cast down my Soul ?
trust God who will employ
His Aid for thee, and change these Sighs
to thankful Hymns of Joy.

6 My Soul's cast down, O God, but thinks
on thee and Sion still :
From Jordan's Bank from Hermon's Heights
and Misbar's humbler Hill.

7 One trouble call another on,
and bursting o'er my Head ;
Fall spouting down till round my Soul
a roaring Sea is spread.

8 But when thy Presence, Lord of Life.
has once dispeil'd this Storm,
To thee I'll midnight Anthems sing,
and all my Vows perform.

9 God of my strength how long shall I
like one forgotten mourn ?
Forlorn, forsaken and expos'd
to my Oppressor's Scorn.

10 My Heart is pierc'd as with a Sword,
whilst thus my Foes upbraid,
" Vain Boaster where is now thy God ;
" And where his promis'd Aid ?

11 Why restless, why cast down, my Soul ;
hope still and thou shalt sing
The Praise of him who is thy God,
thy Health's eternal Spring.

Psalm xl.

1 JUST Judge of Heav'n. against my Foes
do thou assert my injur'd Right :
O set me free, my God from those
that in Deceit and Wrong delight.

2 Since thou art still my only stay
why leav'ft thou me in deep Distress ?
Why go I mourning all the Day,
whilst me insulting Foes oppress ?

3 Let me with Light and Truth be blest,
be these my Guides and lead the Way,

Till

ill on thy holy Hill I rest,
and in thy sacred Temple pray.
Then will I there fresh Altars raise
to God who is my only Joy ;
And well-tun'd Harps with Songs of praise
shall all my grateful Hours employ.
Why then cast down, my Soul, and why
so much oppress'd with anxious Care ?
On God, thy God, for Aid rely,
who will thy ruin'd State repair.

Psalm xliv.

O Lord, our Fathers oft have told
in our attentive Ear,
Thy Wonders in their Days perform'd,
and elder times than theirs :
How thou to plant them here didst drive
the Heathen from this Land :
Dispeopled by repeated Strokes
of thy avenging Hand.
For not their Courage nor their Sword
to them Possession gave :
Nor Strength that from unequal force
their fainting Troops could save ;
But thy Right-Hand, and power'ful Arms,
whose Succour they implo'red,
Thy Presence with thy chosen Race,
who thy great Name ador'd.
As thee their God our Fathers own'd,
thou art our Sov'reign King :
O therefore as thou didst to them,
to us Deliv'rance bring.
Thro' thy victorious Name our Arms
the proudest Foes shall quell.
And crush them with repeated Strokes
as oft as they rebel.
I'll neither trust my Bow nor Sword
when I in fight engage :
But thee, who hast our Foes subdu'd,
and sham'd their spiteful Rage :
To thee the Triumph we ascribe
from whom the Conquest came ;
In God we will rejoice all Day,
and ever bless his Name,

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P A R T II.

9 But thou hast cast us off, and now
most shamefully we yield :
For thou no more vouchsaft to lead
our Armies to the Field.

10 Since when to every upstart Foe
we turn our Backs in fight :
And with our spoil their Malice feast,
who bare us ancient Spite.

11 To slaughter doom'd we fall like Sheep
into their butch'ring Hands :
Or (what's more wretched yet) survive
disperst thro' Heathen Lands.

12 Thy People thou hast sold for Slaves,
and set their Price so low,
That not thy Treasure by the Sale,
but their Disgrace, may grown.

13, 14 Reproach'd by all the Nations round,
the Heathen's By-word grown ;
Whose Scorn of us is both in Speech
and mocking Gestures shown.

15 Confusion strikes me blind, my Face
in conscious Shame I hide ;

16 While we are scoff'd, and God blasphem'd
by their licentious Pride.

P A R T III.

17 On us this Heap of Woes is fall'n,
all this we have endur'd ;
Yet have not, Lord, renounc'd thy Name,
or Faith to the abjur'd,

18 But in thy righteous Paths have kept
our Hearts and Steps with Care :

19 Tho' thou hast broken all our Strength,
and we almost despair.

20 Could we, forgetting thy great Name,
on other Gods rely,

21 And not the Searcher of all Hearts
the treach'rous Crime descry ?

22 Thou seest what suff'rings for thy sake,
we ev'ry Day sustain ;
All slaughter'd, or reserv'd like Sheep
appointed to be slain.

23 Awake, arise, let seeming Sleep
no longer thee detain ;

Nor

Not let us. Lord, who sue to thee,
Or ever sue in vain.
 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy Face,
From our afflicted State?
 25 Whose Souls and Bodies sink to Earth
With Grief's oppreſſive Weight.
 26 Arife, O Lord, and timely hafe
To our Deliv'rance make:
Redeem us, Lord --- if not for ours,
yet for thy Mercies sake.

Psalm xlvi.

1 While I the King's loud Praise reheareſe,
Indited by my Heart,
My Tongue is like the Pen of him
That writes with ready Art.
 2 How matchless is thy Form, O King!
Thy Mouth with Grace o'erflows,
Because fresh Blessings God on thee
Eternally bestows.
 3 Gird on thy Sword, most mighty Prince,
And clad in rich Array,
With glorious Ornaments of Power
Majestick Pomp display.
 4 Hide on in State, and still protect
The Meek, the Just, and true:
While thy right-hand with swift Revenge
Does all thy Foes pursue.
 5 How sharp thy Weapons are to them
That dare thy Pow'r despise!
Down, down they fall, while through their
The feather'd Arrows flies (Heart
6 Ut thy firm Throne, O God, is fix'd
For ever to endure;
Thy Sceptre's sway shall always last,
By righteous Laws secure.
Because thy Heart by Justice led,
Did upright Ways approve,
And hated still the crooked Paths
Where wand'ring Sinners rove.
Therefore did God, thy God, on thee
The Oil of Gladness ſhed;
And has above thy Fellows round
Advanc'd thy lofty Head.

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8 With Cassia, Aloes and Myrrh
thy Royal Robes abound ;
Which from the stately Wardrobe brought
spread grateful Odours round,
9 Amongst the honourable Train
did Princely Virgins wait :
The Queen was plac'd at thy Right-hand
in Golden Robes of State.

P A R T II.

10 But thou, O Royal Bride, give Ear,
and to my Words attend ;
Forget thy Native Country now,
and every former Friend.
11 So shall thy Beauty charm the King,
nor shall his Love decay ,
For he is now become thy Lord,
. to him due Rev'rence pay.
12 The Tyrian Matrons rich and proud,
shall humble Presents make :
And all the wealthy Nations sue,
thy Favour to partake.
13 The King's fair Daughter's fairer Soul
all inward Graces fill,
Her Raiment is of purest Gold,
adorn'd with costly Skill.
14 She in her Nuptial Garment dress'd,
with Needles richly wrought,
Attended by her Virgin Train,
shall to the King be brought.
15 With all the State of solemn Joy,
the Triumph moves along,
Till with wide Gates the Royal Court
receive the pompous Throng.
16 Thou in thy Royal Father's room,
must Princely Sons expect ;
Whom thou to diff'rent Realms may'st send
to govern and protect
17 Whilst this my Song to future times
transmits thy glorious Name ;
And makes the World with one Consent.
thy lasting praise proclaim.

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Psalm xlvi.

1 G OD is our Refuge in Distress,
A present help when Dangers press,
In him undaunted we'll confide :
2 ; Tho' Earth were from her Center tost,
And Mountains in the Ocean lost,
Torn Piece-meal by the roaring Tide.

3 A gentler Stream with Gladness still
The City of our Lord shall fill,
the Royal Seat of God most high :
4 God dwells in Sion, whose fair Towers
Shall mock the Assaults of earthly Pow'rs,
While his Almighty Aid is nigh,

5 In Tumults when the Heathen rag'd,
And Kingdoms War against us wag'd,
He thunder'd and disperc'd their Pow'rs,

6 7 The Lord of Hosts conduct our Arms,
Our Tower of Refuge in Alarms,
Our Fathers Guardian-God and ours.

8 Come, see the Wonders he hath wrought,
On Earth what desolation brought,
9 How he has claim'd the jarring World,
He broke the Warlike Spear and Bow,
With them their thundering Chariots too
Into devouring Flames are hurl'd.

10 Submit to God's Almighty Sway,
For him the Heathen shall obey,
And Earth her Sovereign Lord confess.
11 The God of Host conducts our Arms,
Our Tow'r of Refuge in Alarms,
As to our Fathers in Distress.

Psalm xlvii.

12 O All ye People clap your Hands,
and with Triumphant Voices sing :
No Force the mighty Power withstands
of God, the universal King.

13 He shall opposing Nations quell,
and with Success our Battles fight :
shall fix the Place where we must dwell,
the Pride of Jacob his Delight,

14 5 God is gone up, our Lord and King,
with Shouts of Joy and Trumpets sound,
To him repeated Praises sing,
and let the cheerful Songs go round.

P S A L M X L V I I I .

7, 8 Your utmost Skill in Praise be shown,
for him who all the World commands;
Who sits upon his righteous Throne,
and spreads his Sway o'er Heathen Land.

9 Our Chiefs and Tribes that far from hence
to serve the God of Ab'ram came,
Found him their constant sure Defence,
how great and glorious is his Name!

Psalm xlviij.

1 THE Lord, the only God is great,
and greatly to be prais'd :
In Sion on whose happy Mount
his sacred Throne is rais'd.

2 Her Tow'rs, the Joy of all the Earth
with beauteous Prospect rise :
On her North-side th' Almighty King's
Imperial City lies,

3, 4 God in her Palaces is known,
his Presence is her Guard :
Confed'rate Kings withdrew their Siege,
and of Success despair'd.

5 They view'd her Walls, admir'd and fled,
with Grief and Terror struck ;

6 Like Women whom the sudden Pangs,
of Travail had o'ertook.

7 No wretched Crew of Mariners
appear like them forlorn,
When Fleets from Tarshish wealthy Coast
by Eastern Winds are torn.

8 In Sion we have seen perform'd
a Work that was foretold,
In Pledge that God for Times to come
this City will uphold.

9 Nor in our Fortresses and Walls,
did we O God confide ;
But on the Temple fix'd our Hopes,
in which thou dost reside.

10 According to thy Sov'reign Name,
thy Praise thro' Earth extends,
Thy powerful Arms as Justice guides,
chastises or defends.

11 Let Sion's Mount with Joy resound,
her Daughters all be taught

Songs his Judgments to extol,
who this Deliv'rance wrought.
Compas her Walls in solemn Pomp,
your Eyes quite round her cast,
Count all her Tow'rs, and see if there
you find a Stone displac'd.

Her Forts and Palaces survey,
observe their Order well ;
That with Assurance, to your Heirs,
this Wonder you may tell.
This God is ours, and will be ours,
whilst we in him confide :
Who as he has preserv'd us now,
'till Death will be our Guide.

Psalm xlix.

L E T all the list'ning World attend,
and my Instructions hear ;
Let High and Low, and Rich and Poors
with joint Consent give Ear,
My Mouth with sacred Wisdom fill'd,
shall good Advice impart :
The sound Result of prudent Thoughts,
digested in my Heart.

To Parables of weighty Sense,
I will my Ear incline :
Whilst to my tuneful Harp I sing
dark Words of deep Design.
Why should my Courage fail in times
of Danger and of Doubt,
When Sinners that would me supplant
have compass'd me about ?

Those Men that all their Hope and Trust
in Heaps of Treasure place,
And boast in Triumph when they see
their ill-got Wealth increase ;
Are yet unable from the Grave
their dearest Friend to free,
Nor can by Force of Bribes reverse
th' Almighty Lord's Decree.

Their vain Endeavours they must quit,
the Price is held too high ;
No Sums can purchase such a Grant,
that Man should never die.

10 Not Wisdom can the Wise exempt,
nor Fools their Folly save ;
But both must perish, and in Death
their Wealth to others leave.

11 For tho' they think their stately Seats
shall ne'er to Ruin fall ;
But their Remembrance last, in Lands,
which by their Names they call.

12 Yet shall their Fame be soon forgot,
how great so'er their State :
With Beasts their Memory and they
shall share one common Fate.

P A R T II.

13 How great their Folly is, who thus
absurd Conclusions make !
And yet their Children unreclaim'd,
repeat the gross Mistake.

14 They all, like Sheep to Slaughter led,
the Prey of Death are made :
Their Beaury, while the just rejoice,
within the Grave shall fade,

15 But God will yet redeem my Soul,
and from the greedy Grave,
His greater Pow'r shall set me free,
and to himself receive.

16 Then fear not thou, when worldly Men
in envy'd Wealth abound,
Nor tho' their prosp'rous House increase
with State and Honour crown'd.

17 For when they're summon'd hence by Death
they leave all this behind :
No shadow of their former Pomp
within the Grave they find,

18 And yet they thought their State was blest,
caught in the Flatt'rs Snare,
Who with their Vanity comply'd
and prais'd their worldly Care.

19 In their Forefathers Steps they tread ;
and when, like them, they die,
Their wretched Ancestors and they
in endless Darkness lie.

20 For Man, how great so'er his State,
unless he's truly wise,

As, like a sensual Beast he lives,
so, like a Beast he dies.

Psalm 1.

THE Lord hath spoke, the mighty God
Hath sent his Summons all abroad,
From dawning Light till Day declines :
The list'ning Earth his Voice hath heard,
And he from Sion hath appear'd
Where Beauty in Perfection shines.

Our God shall come and keep no more
Misconstru'd Silence as before,
But wasting Flames before him send:
Around shall Tempests fiercely rage,
While he does Heav'n and Earth engage
His just Tribunal to attend.

Assemble all my Saints to me,
Thus runs the great Divine Decree)
That in my lasting Cov'nant live,
And Off'rings bring with constant Care;
The Heavens his Justice shall declare
For God himself shall Sentence give.)

Attend, my People; Isr'el, hear;
Thy strong Accuser I'll appear;
Thy God, thy only God am I;
Tis not of Off'rings I complain,
Which, daily in my Temple slain,
My sacred Altar did supply.

Will this alone Atonement make?
No Bullock from thy Stall I'll take,
Nor He-goat from thy Fold accept :
The Forest Beasts that range alone,
The Cattle too are all my own,
That on a thousand Hills are kept.

I know the Fowls that build their Nests
In craggy Rocks; and savage Beasts
That loosely haunt the open Fields.
If seized with Hunger I could be,
need not seek Relief from thee,
Since the World's mine, and all it yields.

Think'st thou that I have any need
In slaughter'd Bulls and Goats to feed,
To eat their Flesh and drink their Blood?

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14 The Sacrifices I require,
Are Hearts which Love and Zeal inspire,
And Vows with strictest Care made good.

15 In time of trouble call on me,
And I will set thee safe and free ;
And thou returns of Praise shalt make.

16 But to the Wicked, thus saith God,
How dar'st thou teach my Laws abroad,
Or in thy Mouth my Cov'nant take ?

17 For stubborn thou, confirm'd in Sin,
Has Proof against Instruction been,
And of my Word didst lightly speak.

18 When thou a subtle Thief didst see,
Thou gladly didst with him agree,
And with Adult'ters didst partake.

19 Vile Slander is thy chief Delight,
Thy Tongue, by Envy mov'd, and Spite,
Deceitful Tales does hourly spread.

20 Thou dost with hateful Scandals wound
Thy Brother, and with Lies confound,
The Offspring of thy Mother's Bed :

21 These things didst thou, whom still I strov'
To gain with Silence and with Love,
Till thou didst wickedly surmise,
That I was such a one as thou ;
But I'll reprove and shame thee now,
And set thy Sins before thine Eyes.

22 Mark this, ye wicked Fools, lest I
Let all my Bolts of Vengeance fly,
Whilst none shall dare your Cause to own.

23 Who praises me due Honour gives,
And to the Man that justly lives
My strong Salvation shall be shown.

Psalm li.

1 H A V E Mercy, Lord, on me,
As thou wert ever kind ;
Let me oppres'd with Loads of Guilt,
thy wonted Mercy find.

2, 3 Wash off my foul Off'nce,
and cleanse me from my Sin ;
For I confess my Crime and see
how great my Guilt has been.

4 Against thee, Lord, alone,
and only in thy Sight

Have I transgres'd, and tho' condemn'd,
must own thy Judgments right.

In Guilt each part was form'd
of all this sinful Frame;

In Guilt I was conceiv'd, and born
the Heir of Sin and Shame.

Yet thou, whose searching Eye
does inward Truth require,
In secret did'st with Wisdom's Laws
my tender Soul inspire.

With Hyssop purg'd me, Lord,
and so I clean shall be:

I shall with Snow and Whiteness vie,
when purify'd by thee.

Make me to hear with Joy
thy kind forgiving Voice:
That so the Bones which thou hast broke
may with fresh Strength rejoice,
to Blot out my crying Sins,
nor me in Anger view,
Create in me a Heart that's clean,
an upright Mind renew.

P A R T . II.

1. Withdraw not thou thy Help,
nor cast me from thy Sight,
Nor let thy Holy Spirit take
its everlasting Flight.

2. The Joy which thy Favour gives
let me again obtain :
And thy free Spirit's firm support
my fainting Soul sustain.

3. So I thy righteous Ways
to Sinners will impart,
Whilst my Advice shall wicked Men
to thy just Laws convert.
My Guilt of Blood remove,
my Saviour and my God,
And my glad Tongue shall loudly tell
thy righteous Acts abroad.

4. Do thou unlock my Lips,
with Sorrow clos'd, and Shame :
So shall my Mouth thy wond'rous Praise
to all the World proclaim.

16 Could Sacrifice atone,
whole Flocks and Herds should die :
But on such Off'rings thou disdain'st
to cast a gracious Eye.

17 A broken Spirit is
by God most highly priz'd ;
By him a broken contrite Heart
shall never be despis'd.

18 Let Sion, Lord, thy favour find ;
of thy good Will assur'd :
And thy own City flourish long,
by lofty Walls secur'd.

19 The Just shall then attend,
and pleasing Tribute pay ;
And Sacrifice of choicest kind
upon thy Altar lay

Psalm lli.

1 N vain, O Man, of lawless Might,
thou boast'st thyself in Ill :
Since God, the God in whom I trust,
vouchsafes his Favour still.

2 Thy wicked Tongue does stand'rous Tales
maliciously devise :
And sharper than a Razor set,
it wounds with treach'rous Lies.

3, 4 Thy Thoughts are more on Ill than Good,
on Lies than Truth employ'd,
Thy Tongue delights in Words, by which
the Guiltless are destroy'd.

5 God shall for ever blast thy Hopes,
and snatch thee soon away ;
Nor in thy Dwelling-place permit,
nor in the World to stay.

6 The Just with pious Fear shall see
the downfal of thy Pride :
And at thy sudden Ruin laugh,
and thus thy Fall decide

7 " See there the haughty Man that was,
" who proudly God defy'd,
" Who trusted in his Wealth, and still
" on wicked Arts rely'd.

8 But I am like those Olive Plants
that shade God's Temple round ;
And hope with his indulgent Grace
to be for ever crown'd.

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9 So shall my Soul with Praise, O God,
extol thy wond'rous Love ;
And on thy Name with Patience wait ;
for this thy Saints approve.

Psalm l.iii.

THE wicked Fools must sure suppose
that God is but a Name ;
This gross Mistake their Practice shows,
since Virtue all disclaim. (Tow'r
The Lord look'd down from Heav'n's high
the Sons of Men to view ;
To see if any own'd his Pow'r,
or Truth or Justice knew.

But all he saw, were backwards gone,
degen'rate grown and base ;
None for Religion car'd, not One
of all the sinful Race.
But are those Workers of Deceit
so dull and senseless grown,
That they, like Bread, my People eat,
and God's just Power disown ?

Their causeless Fears shall strangely grow ;
and they, despis'd of God,
Shall soon be foil'd ; his Hand shall throw
their shatter'd Bones abroad.
Would he his saving Pow'r employ,
to break our servile Band,
Loud Shouts of universal Joy
should echo through the Land.

Psalm iv.

LORD, save me for thy glorious Name,
and in thy Strength appear
To judge my Cause ; accept my Pray'r,
and to my Words give Ear.
Mere Strangers, whom I never wrong'd,
to ruin me design'd ;
And cruel Men, that fear no God,
against my Soul combin'd.

5 But God takes part with all my Friends,
and he's the surest Guard ;
The God of Truth shall give my Foes
their Falshood's due Reward.

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6 While

6 While I my grateful Off'rings bring,
and Sacrifice with Joy :
And in his Praise my time to come
delightfully employ.

7 From dreadful Danger and Distress
the Lord hath set me free,
Through him shall I of all my Foes
the just Destruction see.

Psalm iv.

8 Give Ear thou Judge of all the Earth,
and listen when I pray,
Nor from thy humble Suppliant turn
thy glorious Face away.

2 Attend to this my sad Complaint,
and hear my grievous Moans,
While I my mournful Case declare
with artless Sighs and Groans.

3 Hark ! how the Foe insults aloud,
how fierce Oppressors rage !
Who sland'rous Tongues with wrathful hate
against my Fame engage.

4, 5 My Heart is rack'd with Pain, my Soul
with deadly Frights distres'd ;
With fear and trembling compass'd round,
with Horror quite oppres'd.

6 How oft I wish'd I then that I
the Dove's swift Wings could get ;
That I might take my speedy Flight,
and seek a safe Retreat !

7, 8 Then would I wander far from hence,
and in wild Desarts stray,
Till all this furious Storm were spent,
this Tempest pass'd away.

P A R T II.

9 Destroy, O Lord, their ill Designs,
their Counsels soon divide ;
For through the City my griev'd Eyes
have strife and Rapine spy'd.

10 By Day and Night on ev'ry Wall,
they walk'd their constant Round,
And in the midst of all her Strength
are Grief and Mischief found.

11 Who'er thro' ev'ry Part shall roam,
will fresh Disorders meet ;

Deceit and Guile their constant Posts
maintain in ev'ry Street.

12 For 'twas not any open Foe
that false Reflections made ;
For then I could with Ease have born
the bitter things they said.

'Twas none who Hatred had profess'd
that did against me rise :
For then I had withdrawn myself
from his malicious Eyes. (Friend,

13, 14 But 'twas even thou, my Guide, my
whom tender'st Love did join ;
Whose sweet Advice I valu'd most,
whose Pray'r's were mix'd with mine.

15 Sure Vengeance equal to their Crimes,
such Traitors must surprize ;
And sudden Death requite those Ills
they wickedly devise :

16, 17 But I will call on God, who still
shall in my Aid appear :
At Morn, and Noon, and Night I'll pray,
and he my Voice shall hear.

P A R T III.

18 God has releas'd my Soul from those
that did with me contend,
And made a num'rous Host of Friends
my righteous Cause defend.

19 For he who was my help of old,
shall now his Suppliant hear :
And punish them whose prosp'rrous State
makes them no God to fear.

20 Whom can I Trust, if faithless Men
perfidiously devise
To ruin me their peaceful Friend,
and break the strongest Ties ?

21 Tho' soft and melting are their Words,
their Hearts with War abound ;
Their Speeches are more smooth than Oil,
and yet like Swords they Wound.

22 Do thou, my Soul, on God depend,
and he shall thee sustain,
He aids the Just, whom to supplant
the Wicked strive in vain.

23 My Foes that trade in Lies and Blood,
shall all untimely die ;
Whilst I for Health and Length of Days
on thee, my God, rely.

Psalm Ivi.

1 D O thou, O God, in Mercy help,
for Man my Life pursues ;
To crush me with repeated Wrongs,
he daily Strife : enews.

2 Continually my spiteful Foes,
to ruin me combine ;
Thou see'st who sit'st enthron'd on high,
what mighty Numbers join.

3 But, tho' sometimes surpriz'd by Fear,
(on Danger's first Alarm)
Yet still for Succour I depend
on thy Almighty Arm.

4 God's faithful Promise I shall praise,
on which I now rely :
In God I trust, and trusting him,
the Arm of Flesh defy.

5 They wrest my Words, and make 'em speak
a Sense they never meant :
Their Thoughts are all with restless Spite,
on my Destruction bent.

6 In close Assemblies they combine,
and wicked Projects lay ;
They watch my Steps, and lie in wait
to make my Soul their Prey.

7 Shall such Injustice still escape ?
O righteous God, arise ;
Let thy just Wrath (too long provok'd)
this impious Race chastise.

8 Thou number'st all my wandring Steps
since first compell'd to flee :
My very Tears are treasur'd up,
and regist'red by Thee.

9 When therefore I invoke thy Aid,
my Foes shall be o'erthrown ;
For I am well assur'd that God
my righteous Cause will own.

10, 11 I'll trust God's Word, and so despise,
the Force that Man can raise :

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11 To Thee, O God, my Vows are due,
to Thee I'll render Praise.

13 Thou hast retriev'd my Soul from Death,
and Thou wilt still secure
The Life thou hast so oft preserv'd,
and make my Footsteps sure ;
That thus protected by thy Pow'r,
I may this Light enjoy :
And in the Service of my God,
my length'ned Days employ.

Psalm lvii.

1 THY Mercy, Lord, to me extend,
On thy Protection I depend ;
And to thy Wing for Shelter haste,
Till this outrageous Storm is past.

2 To thy Tribunal, Lord, I fly,
Thou Sov'reign Judge and God most high ;
Who Wonders hast for me begun,
And wilt not leave thy Work undone.

3 From Heav'n protect me by thine Arm,
And shame all those who seek my Harm,
To my Relief thy Mercy send,
And Truth on which my Hopes depend.

4 For I with savage Men converse,
Like hungry Lions wild and fierce, (Words,
With Men whose Teeth are Spears, their
Invenom'd Darts and two-edg'd Swords.

5 Be thou, O God, exalted high ;
And, as thy Glory fills the Sky,
So let it be on Earth display'd
Till thou art here, as their, obey'd.

6 To take me they their Net prepar'd,
And had almost my Soul enfar'd
But fell themselves, by just Decree
Into the Pit they made for me.

7 O God, my Heart is fix'd, 'tis bent
Its thankful Tribute to present,
And with my Heart, my Voice I'll raise
To Thee, my God, in Songs of Praise.

8 Awake my Glory, Harp and Lute,
No longer let your Strings be mute ;
And I my tuneful Part to take,
Will with the early Dawn awake.

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9 Thy

9 Thy Praises, Lord, I will resound
To all the list'ning Nations round :
10 Thy Mercy highest Heav'n transcends
Thy Truth beyond the Clouds extends.
11 Be thou, O God, exalted high,
And as thy Glory fills the Sky,
So let it be on Earth display'd,
Till thou art here, as there, obey'd.

Psalm lviii.

1 Speak, O ye Judges of the Earth,
if just your Sentence be ;
Or must not Innocence appeal
to Heav'n from your Decree ?
2 Your wicked Hearts and Judgments are
alike by Malice sway'd :
Your griping Hands by weighty Bribes,
to Violence betray'd.
3 To Virtue Strangers, from the Womb
their Infant-steps went wrong :
They prattled Slander, and in Lies
employ'd their lisping Tongue.
4 No Serpent of parch'd Africk's Breed
does ranker Poison bear ;
The drowsy Adder will as soon
unlock his sullen Ear.
5 Unmov'd by good Advice, and deaf
as Adders they remain ;
From whom the skilful Charmer's Voice
can no Attention gain.
6 Defeat O God, their threat'ning Rage,
and tamely break their Pow'rs :
Disarm these growling Lyons Jaws,
e'er practis'd to devour.
7 Let now their Insolence at Height,
like ebbing Tides be spent,
Their shiver'd Darts deceive their Aim,
when they their Bow have bent.
8 Like Snails let them dissolve to Slime,
like hasty Births become :
Unworthy to behold the Sun,
and dead within the Womb.
9 E'er Thorns can make the Flesh-pots boil,
tempestuous Wrath shall come

From

From God, and snatch 'em hence, alive,
to their eternal Doom.

10 The righteous shall rejoice to see
their Crimes such Vengeance meet ;
And Saints in Prosecuter's Blood
shall dip their harmless Feet.

11 Transgessors then with Grief shall see
just Men Rewards obtain ;
And own a God whose Justice will
the guilty Earth arraign.

Psalm lix.

1 Deliver me, O Lord my God,
from all my spiteful Foes,
In my Defence oppose thy Pow'r
to theirs who me oppose.

2 Preserve me from a wicked Race,
who make a Trade of ill ;
Protect me from remorseless Men,
who seek my Blood to spill.

3 They lie in wait, and mighty Pow'rs
against my Life combine
Implacable ; yet, Lord, thou know'st,
for no Offence of mine.

4 In haste they run about and watch
my guiltless Life to take ;
Look down, O Lord, on my Distress,
and to my Help awake.

5 Thou Lord of Hosts, and Isr'el's God,
their Heathen Rage suppress ;
Relentless Vengeance take on those
who stubbornly transgres.

6 At Evening to beset my House
like growling Dogs they meet,
While others thro' the City range,
and ransack ev'ry Street.

7 Their Throats envenom'd Slander breath,
their Tongues are sharpen'd Swords ;
Who hears (say they) or hearing dares
reprove our lawless Words ?

8 But from thy Throne thou shalt, O Lord,
their baffled Plots deride :
And soon to Scorn and Shame expose
their boasted Heathen Pride.

9 On Thee I wait, 'tis on thy Strength
for Succour I depend :
'Tis Thou, O God, art my Defence,
who only canst defend :

10 Thy Mercy, Lord, which has so oft
from Danger set me free,
Shall crown my Wishes, and subdue
my haughty Foes to me.

11 Destroy them not, O Lord, at once,
restrain thy vengeful Blow,
Lest we, ungratefully, too soon
forget their Overthrow
Disperse them thro' the Nations round
by thy avenging Pow'r.
Do thou bring down their haughty Pride,
O Lord, our Shield and Tow'r.

12 Now, in the Height of all their Hopes
their Arrogance chastise ; (strait,
Whose Tongues have farr'd without Re-
and Curses join'd with Lies.

13 Nor shalt thou whilst their Race endures
thine Anger, Lord, suppress,
That Distant Lands by their just Doom,
may Isr'el's God's confess.

14 At Ev'ning let them still perfist
like growling Dogs to meet,
Still wander all the City round,
and traverse ev'ry Street.

15 Then, as for Malice now they do,
for Hunger let them stray ;
And yell their vain Complaints aloud,
defeated of their Prey.

16 Whilst early I thy Mercy sing,
thy wond'rous Pow'r confess ;
For thou hast been my sure Detence,
my Refuge in Distress.

17 To Thee with never-ceasing Praise,
O God, my Strength I'll sing :
Thou art my God, the Rock from whence
my Health and Safety spring.

Psalm lx.

O God, who hast our Troops disperst,
Forsaking those who left Thee first,

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As we thy just Displeasures mourn,
To us in Mercy, Lord, return
2 Our Strength, that firm as Earth did stand,
Is rent by thy avenging Hand :
O heal the Breaches thou hast made,
We shake, we fall, without thy Aid !

3 Our Follies sad Effects we feel,
For drunk with Discord's Cup we reel ;
4 But now for them who thee rever'd,
Thou hast thy Truth's bright Banner rear'd.
5 Let thy Right-hand thy Saints protect :
Lord, hear the Pray'rs that we direct !
6 The Holy God has spoke ; and I
O'er-joy'd, on his firm Word rely.

To Thee in Portions I'll divide
Fair Sichem's Soil, Samaria's Pride ;
To Sichem, Succoth next I'll join,
And measure out her Vale by Line.
7 Manasseh, Gilead, both subscribe
To my Commands, with Ephraim's Tribe ;
Ephraim by Arms supports my Cause,
And Judah by religious Laws.

8 Moab my Slave and Drudge shall be,
Nor Edom from my Yoke get free ;
Proud Palestine's imperious State,
Shall humbly on our Triumph wait.
9 But who shall quell these mighty Pow'rs,
And clear my Way to Edom's Tow'rs ?
Or through her guarded Frontiers tread,
The Path that doth to Conquest lead ?
10 Ev'n thou, O God, who hast dispers'd
Our Troops (for we forsook Thee first)
Those whom thou didst in Wrath forsake,
Aton'd, thou wilt victorious make.
11 Do thou our fainting Cause sustain,
For human Succours are but vain.
12 Fresh Strength and Courage God bestows,
'Tis he treads down our proudest Foes.

Psalm lxi.

1 Lord, hear my Cry, regard my Pray'r,
which I oppress, with Grief,
2 From Earth's remotest Parts address
to Thee for kind Relief.

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O lodge me safe beyond the Reach
of persecuting Pow'z.
3 Thou, who so oft from spiteful Foes
haſt been my ſhelt'ring Tow'r.
4 So ſhall I in thy ſacred Courts
ſecure from Danger lie :
Beneath the Covert of thy Wings,
all future Storms defy.
5 In fine my Vows are heard, once more,
I o'er thy chosen reign :
6 O b!eſs with long and proſp'rous Life
the King thou diſt ordain.
7 Confirm his Throne, and make his Reign
accepted in thy Sight,
And let thy Truth and Mercy both
in his Defence unite.
8 So ſhall I ever ſing thy Praise,
thy Name for ever bleſs ;
Devote my proſp'rous Days to pay
the Vows of my Distress.

Pſalm lxii.

1, 2 MY Soul for help on God relies,
From him alone my Safety flows.
My Rock, my Health, that Strength supplies,
To bear the Shock of all my Foes.
3 How long will ye contrive my Fall,
Which will but haſten on your own ?
You'll totter like a bending Wall,
Or Fence of uncemented Stone.
4 To make my envy'd Honour leſs
They ſtrive with Lies their chief Delight ;
For they, tho' with their Mouths they bleſs,
In private Curse with inward Spite.
5, 6 But thou, my Soul, on God rely,
On him alone my Trust repoſe,
My Rock and Health will Strength supply
To bear the Shock of all my Foes
7 God does his ſaving Health diſpence,
And flowing Bleſſings daily ſend ;
He is my Fortref and Defence,
On him my Soul ſhall ſtill depend.
8 In him ye People, always truſt,
Before his Throne pour out your Hearts,

For

For God, the Merciful and Just,
His timely Aid to us imparts.

¶ The Vulgar fickle are and frail.
The Great dissemble and betray ;
And laid in Truth's impartial Scale,
The lightest Things will both outweigh.
¶ Then trust not in oppressive Ways,
By Spoil and Rapine grow not vain ;
Nor let your Hearts, if Wealth increase,
Be set too much upon your Gain.

¶ For God has oft his Will express'd,
And I this Truth have fully known,
To be of boundless Power possess'd,
Belongs of right to God alone.

¶ Tho' Mercy is his darling Grace,
In which he chiefly takes Delight,
Yet will he all the human Race
According to their Works requite,

Psalm lxiii.

O God, my gracious God, to thee
My Morning Prayers shall offer'd be,
For thee my thirsty Soul doth pant :
My fainting Flesh implores thy Grace
Within this dry and barren Place,
Where I refreshing Waters want.

O to my longing Eyes once more
That View of glorious Pow'r restore,
Which thy Majestick House displays :
Because to me thy wond'rous Love,
Than Life itself does dearer prove,
My Lips shall always speak thy Praise.

My Life, while I that Life enjoy,
In blessing God I will employ ;
With lifted Hands adore his Name :
My Soul's Content shall be as great,
As theirs who choicest Dainties eat,
While I with Joy his Praise proclaim.

When down I lie sweet Sleep to find,
Thou, Lord, art present to my Mind,
And when I wake in Dead of Night ;
Because thou still dost Succour bring,
Beneath the Shadow of thy Wing,
I rest with Safety and Delight.

¶ My

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8 My Soul, when Foes would me devour,
Cleaves fast to Thee, whose matchless Pow' ;
In her support is daily shown :

9 But those the righteous Lord shall slay
That my Destruction wish ; and they,
That seek my Life shall lose their own.

10 They by untimely Ends shall die,
Their Flesh a Prey to Foxes lie :
But God shall fill the King with Joy,

11 Who thee confess shall still rejoice,
While the false Tongue and lying Voice,
Thou, Lord, shalt silence and destroy.

Psalm lxiv.

1 Lord, hear the Voice of my Complaint,
to my Request give Ear ;
Preserve my Life from cruel Foes,
and free my Soul from Fear.

2 O hide me with thy tend'rest Care,
in some secure Retreat.
From Sinners that against me rise,
and all their Plots defeat.

3 See how intent to work my Harm,
they whet their Tongues, like Swords,
And bend their Bows to shoot their Darts,
sharp Lies and bitter Words !

4 Lurking in private, at the Just
they take their secret Aim ;
And suddenly at him they shoot,
quite void of Fear and Shame.

5 To carry on their ill Designs,
they mutually agree :
They speak of laying private Snares,
and think that none shall see.

6 With utmost Diligence and Care
the wicked Plots they lay ;
They deep Designs of all their Hearts
are only to betray.

7 But God, to Anger justly mov'd,
his dreadful Bow shall bend,
And on his flying Arrows point,
shall swift Destruction send.

8 Those Slanders which their Mouths did vent
upon themselves shall fall ;

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Their Crimes disclos'd, shall make them be
despis'd and shunn'd by all.

9 The World shall then God's Pow'r confess,
and Nations trembling stand,
Convinc'd that 'tis the mighty Work
of his avenging Hand.
10 Whilst righteous Men by God secured,
in him shall gladly trust ;
And all the list'ning Earth shall hear
loud Triumphs of the Just.

Psalm lxv.

1 FOR Thee, O God, our constant Praise
In Sion waits thy chosen Seat ;
Our promis'd Altars we will raise,
And there our zealous Vows compleat.
2 O Thou, who to my humble Pray'r
Didst always bend thy list'ning Ear,
To thee shall all Mankind repair,
And at thy gracious Throne appear.
3 Our Sins (tho' numberless) in vain
To stop thy flowing Mercy try ;
Whilst thou o'erlook'st thy guilty Stain,
And washest out the Crimson Dye
4 Blest is the Man, who, near Thee plac'd,
Within thy sacred Dwelling lives !
Whilst we at humbler Distance taste,
The vast Delights thy Temple gives.
5 By wond'rous Acts, O God, most just,
Have we thy gracious Answer found ;
In Thee remotest Nations trust,
And those whom stormy Waves surround.
6, 7 God, by his Strength sets fast the Hills,
And does his matchless Pow'r engage,
With which the Sea's loud Waves he stills,
And angry Crowds tumultuous Rage.

P A R T II.

Thou, Lord, dost bar'b'rous Lands dismay,
When they thy dreadful Tokens view :
With Joy they see the Night and Day
Each other's Track by Night pursue.
From out thy unexhausted Store
Thy Rain relieves the thirsty Ground,
Makes Lands that barren were before,
With Corn and useful Fruits abound.

10 On

10 On rising Ridges down it pours,
And ev'ry furrow'd Valley fills :
Thou mak'st them soft with gentle Show'rs
In which a blest Increase distils,

11 Thy Goodness does the circling Year
With Fresh Returns of Plenty crown
And where thy glorious Paths appear,
Thy fruitful Clouds drop Fatness down.

12 They drop on barren Forests, chang'd,
By them to Pastures fresh and green :
The Hills about in Order rang'd
In beauteous Robes of Joy are seen.

13 Large Flocks with Fleecy Wool adorn
The cheerful Downs, the Valley's bring
A plentious Crop of full ear'd Corn,
And seem for Joy to shout and sing,

Psalm lxvi.

1, 2 Let all the Lands with Shouts of Joy
to God their Voices raise ;
Sing Psalms in Honour of his Name
and spread his glorious Praise.

3 And let them say how dreadful, Lord,
in all thy Works art thou !
To thy great Pow'r thy stubborn Foes
shall all be forc'd to bow.

4 Thro' all the Earth the Nations round
shall thee their God confess ;
And with glad Hymns their awful Dread
of thy great Name express.

5 O come, behold the Works of God,
and then with me you'll own,
That he to all the Sons of Men.
has wond'rous Judgments shown.

6 He made the Sea become dry Land,
thro' which our Fathers walk'd ;
Whilst to each other of his might
with Joy his People talk'd.

7 He by his Pow'r for ever rules,
His Eyes the World survey,
Let no presumptuous Man rebel,
against his sovereign Sway.

P A R T II.

8, 9 O all ye Nations bless our God.
and loudly speak his Praise,

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Who keeps our Soul alive, and still
confirms our stedfast Ways.

10 For thou hast try'd us, Lord as Fire
does try the precious Ore :

11 Thou brought'st us into Straits where we
oppressive Burthens bore.

12 Insulting Foes did us, their Slaves,
thro' Fire and Water chase ;
But yet at last thou brought'st us forth
into a Wealthy Place.

13 Burnt-Off'rings to thy House I'll bring,
and there my Vows I'll pay,

14 Which I with solemn Zeal did make
in Trouble's dismal Day.

15 Then shall the richest Incense smoke,
the fattest Rams shall fall ;
The choicest Goats from out the Fold,
and Bullocks from the Stall.

16 O come all ye that fear the Lord,
attend with heedless Care,
Whilst I, what God for me has done,
with grateful Joy declare.

17, 18 As I before his Aid implor'd
so now I praise his Name :
Who, if my Heart had harbour'd Sin
would all my Pray'r's disclaim.

19 But God to me, when'er I cry'd,
his gracious Ear did bend ;
And to the Voice of my Request
with constant Love attend.

20 Then blest for evr be my God,
who never, when I pray.
With-holds his Mercy from my Soul,
nor turns his Face away.

Psalm lxvii.

TO bless thy chosen Race,
In Mercy, Lord, incline ;
And cause the Brightness of thy Face
on all the Saints to shine :
That so thy wond'rous Ways
may through the World be known ;
Whilst distant Lands their Tribute pay,
and thy Salvation own.

3 Let

3 Let diff'ring Nations join
to celebrate thy Fame ;
Let all the World, O Lord, combine
to praise thy glorious Name.

4 O let them shout and sing,
with Joy and pious Mirth,
For thou, the righteous Judge and King,
shall govern all the Earth

5 Let diff'ring Nations join
to celebrate thy Fame :
Let all the World, O Lord, combine
to praise thy glorious Name.

6 Then shall the teeming Ground
a large Increase disclose ;
And we with Plenty shall be crown'd,
which God, our God bestows.

7 Then God upon our Land
shall constant Blessings show'r ;
And all the World in awe shall stand
of his resistless Pow'r :

Psalm lxviii.

1 LET God, the God of Battle rise,
And scatter his presumptuous Foes ;
Let shameful Rout their Host surprize,
Who spitefully his Pow'r oppose.

2 As smoak in Tempests Rage is lost,
Or Wax into the Furnace cast,
So let their sacriligious Host
Before his wrathful Presence waste.

3 But let the Servants of his Will
His Favour's gentle Beams enjoy ;
Their upright Hearts let gladness fill,
And cheerful Songs their Tongues employ.

4 To him your Voice in Anthems raise,
Jehovah's awful Name he bears ;
In him rejoice, extol his Praise,
Who rides upon high rowling Spheres.

5 Him, from his Empire of the Skies,
To this low World Compassion draws,
The Orphan's Claim to patronize,
And judg'd the injur'd Widow's Cause.

6 'Tis God, who from a foreign Soil,
Restores poor Exiles to their Home ;

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Makes Captives free, and fruitless Toil
Their proud Oppressors righteous Doom.

7 'Twas so of old, when thou didst lead,
In Person, Lord, our Armies forth,
Strange Terrors through the Deserts spread,
Convulsions shook th' astonish'd Earth.
8 The breaking Clouds did Rain distil,
And Heav'n's high Arches shook with Fear.
How then should Sinai's humble Hill,
Of Isr'el's God the Presence bear ?
9 Thy Hand at famish'd Earth's Complaint,
Reliev'd her from celestial Stores ;
And when thy Heritage was faint,
Affwag'd the Drought with plenteous Show-
10 Where Savages had rang'd before. ('rs.
At Ease thou mad'st our Tribes reside,
And in the Desert for the Poor,
Thy gen'rous Bounty did provide.

P A R T II.

11 Thou gav'st the Word, we sally'd forth,
And in that pow'rful Word o'ercame ;
While Virgin-Troops with Songs of Mirth
In State our Conquest did proclaim.
12 Vast Armies, by such Gen'ra's led,
As yet had ne'er received a Foil,
Forsook their Camp with sudden Dread,
And to our Women left the Spoil.
13 Tho' Egypt's Drudges you have been,
Your Armies Wings shall shine as bright
As Doves in golden Sun-shine seen,
Or silver'd o'er with pales Light.
14 'Twas so when God's Almighty Hand
O'er scatter'd Kings the Conquest won ;
Our Troops, drawn upon Jordan's Strand,
High Salmon's glitt'ring Snow out-shone.
15 From thence to Jordan's farther Coast
And Bashan's-Hill we did advance :
No more her Height shall Bashan boast,
But that she's God's Inheritance.
16 But wherefore (tho' the Honour's great)
Should this, O Mountain, swell your Pride ?
For Sion is his chosen Seat
Where he for ever will reside.

17 His Chariots numberless, his Pow'rs
Are heav'nly Host that wait his Will:
His Presence now fills Sion's Tow'rs,
As once it honour'd Sinai's Hill.

18 Ascending high in Triumph Thou
Captivity hast Captive led;
And on thy People didst bestow.
The Spoil of Armies once their Dread.

19 Ev'n Rebels shall partake thy Grace
And humble Profelytes repair
To worship at thy Dwelling-place,
And all the World pay Homage there:

20 For Benefits each Day bestow'd,
Be daily his great Name ador'd:
Who is our Saviour and our God
Of Life and Death the Sov'reign Lord.

21 But Justice for his harden'd Foes
Proportion'd Vengeance hath decreed.
To wound the hoary Head of those,
Who in presumptuous Crimes proceed.

22 The Lord has thus in Thunder spoke,
" As I subdu'd proud Bashan's King,
" Once more I'll break my People's Yoke,
" And from the deep my Servants bring.

23 " Their Feet shall with a crimson Flood,
" Of slaughter'd Foes be cover'd o'er:
" Nor Earth receive such impious Blood,
" But leave for Dogs th' unhallow'd Gore.

P A R T III.

24 When marching to thy blest abode,
The wond'ring Multitude survey'd,
The pompous State of thee, our God,
In Robes of Majesty array'd.

25 Sweet singing Levites led the Van,
Loud Instruments brought up the Rear;
between both Troops a Virgin-train,
With Voice and Timbrel charm'd the Ear.

26 This was the Burthen of their Song,
" In full Assemblies bless the Lord,
" All, who to Isr'el's Tribes belong,
" The God of Isr'el's Praise record.

27 Not little Benjamin alone
From neighb'ring Bounds did there attend.

Nor

Nor only Judah's nearer Throne,
Her Counsellors in State did send.

But Zebulon's remoter Seat,
And Nepthali's more distant Coast
(The grand Procession to compleat)
Sent up their Tribes a Princely Host

28 Thus God to Strength and Union brought
Our Tribes, at Strife still that blest Hour :
This Work which thou, O God hast wrought,
Confirm with fresh Recruits of Pow'r.

29 To visit Salem Lord, descend,
And Sion thy terrestrial Throne,
Where Kings with Presents shall attend,
And thee with offer'd Crowns atone (threat
30 Break down the Spear-man's Ranks, who
Like pamper'd Heards of Savage might.
Their Silver-armour'd Chief defeat,
Who in destructive War delight.

31 Egypt shall then to God stretch forth
Her Hands, and Africk Homage bring,
32 The scatter'd Kingdoms of the Earth
Their common Sov'reign's Praises sing.
33 Who mounted on the loftiest Sphere
Of ancient Heav'n sublimely rides ;
From whence his dreadful Voice we hear,
Like that of warring Winds and Tides.

34 Ascribe ye Power to God most High,
Of humble Isr'el he takes Care
Whose Strength from out the dusky Sky
Darts shining Terrors thro' the Air.
35 How dreadful are the sacred Courts,
Where God has fix'd his earthly Throne :
His Strength his feeble Saints supports,
To God give Praise, and him alone.

Psalm lxix.

SAVE me, O God, from Waves that roul,
And press to overwhelm my Soul:
With painful Steps in Mire I tread,
And Deluges o'erflow my Head.
With restless Cries my Spirits faint,
My Voice is hoarse with long Complaint,
My Sight decays with tedious Pain,
Whilst for my God I wait in vain.

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4 My Hairs, tho' num'rous, are but few,
Compar'd with Foes that me pursue
With groundless Hate, grown now of Might,
To execute their lawless spite.
They force me guiltless to resign,
As Rapine what by Right was mine.

5 Thou, Lord, my Innocence dost see.
Nor are my Sins conceal'd from Thee.

6 Lord God of Hosts take timely Care,
Lest for my sake thy Saints despair;

7 Since I have suffer'd for thy Name
Reproach, and hid my Face in Shame.

8 A Stranger to my Country grown,
Nor to my nearest Kindred known,
A Foreigner, expos'd to Scorn
By Brethren of my Mother born.

9 For Zeal to thy lov'd House and Name,
Consumes me like devouring Flame,
Concern'd at their Affronts to Thee,
More than at Slanders cast on me.

10 My very Tears and Abstinence
They construe in a spiteful Sense;

11 When cloath'd with Sackcloth for their sake
They me their common Proverb make.

12 Their Judges make my Wrongs their jest,
Those Wrongs they ought to have redic't
How should I then expect to be,
From Libels of lewd Drunkards free?

13 But, Lord, to Thee I will repair
For Help with humble timely Prayer;
Relieve me from thy Mercy's Store,
Display thy Truth's preserving Pow'r.

14 From threat'ning Dangers me relieve,
And from the Mire my Feet retrieve;
From spiteful Foes in Safety keep,
And snatch me from the raging Deep.

15 Control the Deluge e'er it spread,
And roll its Waves above my Head:
Nor wide Destruction open Pit,
To close her Jaws on me permit.

16 Lord, hear the humble Pray'r I make,
For thy transcending Goodness sake;
Relieve thy Suppliant once more
From thy abounding Mercy's Store.

7 Nor from thy Servant hide thy Face;
Make haste, for desp'rate is my Case:
8 Thy timely Succour interpose,
and shield me from remorseless Foes.

9 Thou know'st what Infamy and Scorn,
I from my Enemies have born;
Nor can their close dissembled Spite,
Or darkest Plots escape thy Sight.

10 Reproach and Grief have broke my Heart,
I look for some to take my Part;
To pity or relieve my Pain,
But look'd (alas!) for both in vain!

11 With Hunger pin'd for Food I call,
Instead of Food they gave me Gall;
And when with Thirst my Spirits fink,
They give me Vinegar to drink.

12 Their Table therefore to their Health
Shall prove a Snare, a Trap their Wealth:
13 Perpetual Darkness seize their Eyes,
And sudden blasts their Hopes surprize.

14 On them thou shalt thy Fury pour,
Till thy fierce Wrath their Race devour,
15 And make their House a dismal Cell,
Where none will e'er vouchsafe to dwell.

16 For new Afflictions they procur'd
For him who had thy Stripes endur'd;
And made the Wounds thy Scourge had torn
To bleed afresh with sharper Scorn.

17 Sin shall to Sin their Steps betray,
Till they to Truth have lost their Way,
From Life thou shalt exclude their Soul,
Nor with the Just their Names ensol.

18 But me, howe'er distrest and poor,
Thy strong Salvation shall restore:
19 Thy Pow'r with Songs I'll then proclaim,
And celebrate with Thanks thy Name.

Our God shall this more highly prize
Then Herds of Flocks in Sacrifice:
Which humble Saints with Joy shall see,
And hope for like Redress with me.

For God regards the Poor's Complaint,
Sets Prisoners free from close Restraint:
Let Heav'n, Earth, Sea, their Voices raise,
And all the World resound his Praise.

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35 For God will Sion's Walls erect,
Fair Judah's Cities he'll protect,
Till all her scatter'd Sons repair
To undisturb'd Possession there.
36 This Blessing they shall, at their Death,
To their religious Heirs bequeath;
And they to endless Ages more,
Of such as his blest Name adore.

Psalm lxx.

1 O Lord, to my Relief draw near,
For never was more pressing Need:
For my Deliv'rance, Lord, appear,
And add to that Deliv'rance speed.
2 Confusion on their Heads return,
Who to destroy my Soul combine;
Let them, defeated, blush and mourn,
Insnar'd in their own vile Design.
3 Their Doom let Desolation be,
With Shame their Malice be repaid,
Who mock'd my Confidence in thee,
And Sport of my Affliction made.
4 While those who humbly seek thy Face,
To joyful Triumphs shall be rais'd;
And all who prize thy saving Grace,
With me shall sing, the Lord be prais'd.
5 Thus wretched tho' I am and poor,
The mighty Lord of me takes Care,
Thou God, who only canst restore,
To my Relief with speed repair.

Psalm lxxi.

1, 2 IN thee I put my stedfast Trust,
defend me, Lord, from Shame;
3 Incline thine Ear, and save my Soul,
for righteous is thy Name.
Be thou my strong abiding Place,
to which I may resort;
'Tis thy Decree that keeps me safe,
thou art my Rock and Fort.
4, 5 From cruel and ungodly Men
protect and let me free;
For from my earliest Youth 'till now
my Hope has been in thee.
6 Thy constant Care did safely guard
my tender Infant Days;

Tho

Thou took'st me from my Mother's Womb
to sing thy constant Praise.

7, 8 While some on me with Wonder gaze,
thy Hand supports me still;

Thy Honour therefore and thy Praise
my Mouth shall always fill.

9 Reject not then thy Servant, Lord,
when I with Age decay :

Forsake me not when worn with Years,
my Vigour fades away.

10 My Foes, against my Fame and me,
with crafty Malice speak,
Against my Soul they lay their Snares,
and mutual Counsel take.

11 His God, say they, forsakes him now
on whom he did rely ;
Pursue and take him whilst no Hope
of timely Aid is nigh.

12 But thou, my God, withdraw not far,
for speedy Help I call :

13 To Shame and Ruin bring my Foes,
that seek to work my Fall.

14 But as for me, my steadfast Hope
shall on thy Pow'r depend,
And I in grateful Songs of Praise
my Time to come will spend.

P A R T II.

15 Thy righteous Acts and saving Health,
my Mouth shall still declare :
Unable yet to count them all,
thou' summ'd with utmost Care.

16 While God vouchsafes me his Support,
I'll in his Strength go on ;
All other Righteousness disclaim,
and mention his alone.

17 Thou, Lord, hast taught me from my Youth
to praise thy glorious Name ;
And ever since thy wond'rous Works
have been my constant Theme.

18 Then now forsake me not, when I
am grey and feeble grown,
Till I to these and future Times,
thy Strength and Pow'r have shown.

19 How high thy Justice soars, O God!
 how great and wond'rous are
 Thy mighty Works which thou hast done!
 who may with thee compare?
20 Me, whom thy Hand has sorely press'd
 thy Grace shall yet relieve;
 And from the lowest Depth of Woe,
 with tender Care retrieve.
21 Thro' thee my Time to come shall be
 with Pow'r and Greatness crown'd,
 And me who dismal Years have pass'd,
 thy Comforts shall surround.
22 Therefore with Psaltry and Harp
 thy Truth, O Lord, I'll praise;
 To thee, the God of Jacob's Race,
 my Voice in Anthems raise.
23 Then Joy shall fill my Mouth, and Songs
 employ my cheerful Voice;
 My grateful Soul, by thee redeem'd
 shall in thy Strength rejoice.
24 My Tongue thy just and righteous Acts
 shall all the Days proclaim;
 Because thou didst confound my Foes
 and brought them all to Shame.

Psalm lxxiii.

1 LORD let thy just Decrees the King
 in all his Ways direct;
 And let his Son throughout his Reign,
 thy righteous Laws respect.
2 So shall he still thy People judge
 with pure and upright Mind;
 Whilst all the helpless Poor shall him
 their just Protector find.
3 Then Hills and Mountains shall bring forth
 the happy Fruits of Peace;
 Whilst all the Land shall own to be
 the Work of Righteousness.
4 Whilst he the Poor and needy Race
 shall rule with gentle Sway;
 And from their humble Necks shall take
 oppressive Yokes away.
5 In ev'ry Heart thy awful Fear
 shall then be rooted fast,

As long as Sun and Moon endure,
or Time itself shall last.

6 He shall descend like Rain, that chears
the Meadows second Birth,
Or like warm Showers whose gentle Drops
refresh the thirsty Earth.

7 In his blest Days, the Just and Good
shall be with Favur crown'd ;
The happy Land shall ev'ry where
with endless Peace abound.

8 His uncontrol'd Dominion shall
from Sea to Sea extend ;
Begin at proud Euphrates Streams,
at Nature's Limits end.

9 To him the savage Nations round
shall bow their servile Heads,
His vanquish'd Foes shall lick the Dust
where he his Conquest spreads

10 The Kings of Tarshish, and the Isles,
shall costly Presents bring ;

From spicy Sheba Gifts shall come,
and wealthy Saba's King.

11 To him shall ev'ry King on Earth
his humble Homage pay,
And diff'reng Nations gladly join
to own his righteous Sway.

12 For he shall set the needy free,
when they for Succour cry ;
Shall save the helpless and the Poor,
and all their Wants supply.

P A R T II.

13 His Providence, for needy Souls,
shall due Supplies prepare ;
And over his defenceless Life
shall watch with tender Care.

14 He shall preserve and keep their Souls
from Fraud and Rapine free,
And in his Sight their guiltless Blood
of mighty Vice shall be.

15 Therefore shall God his Life and Reign
to many Years extend,
Whilst Eastern Princes Tribute pay,
and Golden Presents send,

For him shall constant Pray'rs be made,
thro' all his prosp'rous Days ;
His just Dominion shall afford
a lasting Theme of Praise.

16 Of useful Grain, thro' all the Land,
great Plenty shall appear ;

A handful sown on Mountain Tops
a mighty Crop shall bear :

Its Fruit, like Cedars shook by Winds,
a ratling Noise shall yield ;
The City too shall thrive and vie
for Plenty with the Field :

17 The Mem'ry of his glorious Name,
thro' endless Years shall run ;

His spotless Fame shall shine as bright
and lasting as the Sun.

In him the Nations of the World
shall be compleatly blest,

And his unbounded Happiness
by ev'ry Tongue confess.

18 Then blest be God, the mighty Lord,
the God whom Isr'el fears :

Who only wond'rous in his Works,
beyond compare appears.

19 Let Earth be with his Glory fill'd ;
for ever bless his Name ;

Whilst to his Praise the lift'ning World,
their glad Assent proclaim.

Psalm lxxiii.

1 At length, by certain Proofs, 'tis plain
that God will to his Saints be kind ;
That all, whose Hearts are pure and clear
shall his protecting Favour find.

2, 3 Till this sustaining Truth I knew,
my stagg'ring Feet had almost fail'd ;
I griev'd the Sinners Wealth to view,
and envy'd when the Fools prevail'd.

4, 5 They to the Grave in Peace descend,
and whilst they live are hail and strong ;
No Plagues or Troubles them offend,
which oft to other Men belong.

6, 7 With Pride as with a Chain, they're held,
and Rapine seems their Robe of State ;
Their

Their Eyes stand out with fatness swell'd,
they grow beyond their wishes great.

8, 9 With Hearts corrupt, and lofty Talk,
oppresive Methods they defend :
Their Tongue thro' all the Earth does walk,
their Blasphemies to Heav'n ascend ;

10 And yet admixing Crowds are found,
who servile Visits duly make.
Because with Plenty they abound,
of which their flatt'ring Slaves partake.

11 Their fond Opinions these pursue,
till they with them prophancly cry,
“ How should the Lord our Actions view,
“ can he perceive who dwells so high ?

12 Behold the Wicked ! these are they
who openly their Sins profess ;
And yet their Wealths encrease each Day,
and all their Actions meet Success.

13, 14 Then have I cleans'd my Heart (said I)
and wash'd my Hands from Guilt in vain,
If all the Day opprest I lie,
and every Morning suffer Pain.

15 Thus did I once to speak intend ;
but if such Things I rashly say,
Thy Children, Lord, I must offend,
and basely should their Causē betray.

P A R T II.

16, 17 To fathom this my Thoughts I bent,
but found the Case to hard for me,
Till to the House of God I went,
then I their End did plainly see.

18 How high so'er advanc'd, they all
on slipp'ry Places loosely stand ;
Thence into Ruin headlong fall,
cast down by thy avenging Hand.

19, 20 How dreadful and how quick their Fate ?
despis'd by thee when they're destroy'd ;
As waking Men with Scorn do treat
the Fancies that their Dreams employ'd.

21, 22 Thus was my Heart with Grief opprest,
my Reins were rack'd with restless Pains,
So stupid was I, like a Beast,
who no reflecting Thought retains.

23, 24 Yet still thy Presence me supply'd,
and thy Right-hand Assistance gave :
Thou first shalt with thy Council guide,
and then to Glory me receive.

25 Whom then in Heav'n but thee alone,
have I, whose Favour I require ?
Throughout the spacious Earth there's none
that I besides thee can desire.

26 My trembling Flesh and aking Heart
may often fail to succour me ;
But God shall inward Strength impart,
and my eternal Portion be.

27 For they that far from thee remove,
shall into sudden Ruin fall ;
If after other Gods they rove,
thy Vengeance shall destroy them all.

28 But as for me, 'tis Good and Just
that I should still to God repair ;
In him I always put my Trust,
and will his wond'rous Works declare.

Psal'm lxxiv.

* **W**HY hast thou cast us off, O God ?
wilt thou no more Return ?
O why against thy chosen Flock
does thy fierce Anger burn ?

2 Think on thy ancient Purchase, Lord,
the Land that is thy own ;
By thee redeem'd, and Sion's Mount,
where once thy Glory shone.

3 O come and view our ruin'd State !
how long our Troubles last ?
See ! how the Foe with wicked Rage
has laid thy Temple waste !

4 Thy Foes blaspheme thy Name, where late
thy zealous Servants pray'd ;
The Heathen there with haughty Pomp,
their Banners have display'd.

5, 6 Those curious Carvings which did once
advance the Artist's Fame,
With Ax and Hammer they destroy,
like Works of vulgar Frame.

7 Thy Holy Temple they have burnt,
and what escap'd the Flame,
Has been profan'd and quite defac'd,
though sacred to thy Name.

8 Thy

8 Thy Worship wholly to destroy,
maliciously they aim'd ;
And all the sacred Places burn'd
where we thy Praise proclaim'd :
9 Yet of thy Presence thou vouchsaf'dst
no tender Signs to send ;
We have no Prophet now that knows
when this sad State shall end.

P A R T II.

10 But, Lord, how long wilt thou permit
the insulting Foe to boast ?
Shall all the Honour of thy Name
for ever more be lost ? (hand ?
11 Why hold'st thou back thy strong Right-
and on thy patient Breast,
When Vengeance calls to stretch it forth,
so calmly let'st it rest ;
12 Thou heretofore, with kingly Pow'r,
in our Defence hast fought :
For us, throughout the wand'ring World,
hath great Salvation wrought.
13 'Twas thou, O God, that didst the Sea
by thy own Strength divide ;
Thou brak'st the wairy Monster's Head,
the Waves overwhelm their Pride.
14 The greatest, fiercest of them all,
that seem the Deep to sway ;
Was by thy Pow'r destroy'd and made
to savage Beasts a Prey.
15 Thou cleav'st the solid Rocks and mad'st
the Waters largely flow ;
Again thou mad'st thro' parted Streams
thy wand'ring People go.
16 Thine is the cheerful Day, and thine
the black return of Night ;
Thou hast prepar'd the glorious Sun,
and every feeble Light.
17 By thee the Borders of the Earth,
in perfect Order stand ;
The Summer's Warmth, and Winter's Cold,
attend on thy Command.

P A R T III.

18 Remember, Lord, how scornful Foes
have daily urg'd our Shame ;

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And

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And how the foolish People have
blasphem'd thy holy Name.
19 O free thy mourning Turtle-Dove,
by sinful Crowds beset ;
Nor the Assembly of thy Poor
for evermore forget.
20 Thy ancient Cov'nant, Lord, regard,
and make thy Promise good ;
For now each Corner of the Land
is fill'd with Men of Blood.
21 O let not the Oppres'd return,
with Sorrow cloath'd, and Shame,
But let the Helpless and the Poor
for ever praise thy Name.
22 Arise, O God in our Behalf,
thy Cause and ours maintain ;
Remember how insulting Fools
each Day thy Name profane !
23 Make thou the Boastings of thy Foes
for evermore to cease.
Whose Insolence, if unchaftiz'd,
will more and more increase.

Psalms lxxv.

1 TO Thee, O God, we render Praise,
to thee with Thanks repair;
For, that thy Name to us is nigh,
thy wond'rous Works declare.
2 In Isr'el when my Throne is fix'd,
with me shall Justice reign ;
3 The Land with Discord shakes, but I,
the sinking Frame sustain.
4 Deluded Wretches I advis'd
their Errors to redress,
And warn'd bold Sinners that they should
their swelling Pride suppress.
5 Bear not your selves so high, as if
no Pow'r could yours restrain ;
Submit your stubborn Necks, and learn
to speak with less Disdain.
6 For that, Promotion which to gain,
your vain Ambition strives,
From neither East nor West, nor yet
from Southern Climes arrives,

7 For God the great Disposer is,
and Sov'reign Judge alone,
Who casts the Proud to Earth, and lifts
the humble to a Throne.

8 His Hand holds forth a dreadful Cup,
with purple Wine 'tis Crown'd ;
The deadly Mixture which his Wrath
deals out to Nations round.
Of this his Saints sometimes may taste,
but wicked Men shall squeeze
The bitter Dregs, and be condemn'd
to drink the very Lees.

9 His Prophet I, to all the World
this Message will relate ;
The Justice then of Jacob's God
my Song shall celebrate.

10 The Wicked's Pride I will reduce,
their Cruelty disarm ;
Exalt the Just, and Seat him high,
above the reach of harm.

Psalm lxxvi.

1 IN Judah the Almighty's known,
(Almighty their by Wonders shown)
His Name in Jacob does excel :

2 His Sanctuary in Salem stands,
The Majesty that Heaven commands
In Sion condescends to dwell.

3 He brake the Bow and Arrows there,
The Shield, the temper'd Sword and Spear,
Their slain the mighty Army lay ;

4 Whence Sion's Fame thro' Earth is spread,
Of greater Glory, greater Dread. (Prey.
Than Hills were Robbers lodge their,

5 Their valiant Chiefs, who came for Spoil,
Themselves met there a shameful Foil,
Securely down to Sleep they lay.
But wak'd no more ; their stoutest Band
Ne'er lifted one resisting Hand
'Gainst his that did their Legions slay.

6 When Jacob's God began to frown,
Both Horse and Charioteers, o'erthrown,
Together slept in endless Night:

7 When thou whom Heav'n and Earth revet,
Dost once with wrathful Look appear,
What mortal Pow'r can stand thy Sight?

8 Pronoune'd from Heav'n, Earth heard its
Doom, (come,
Grew hush'd with Fear, when thou didst

9 The Meek with Justice to restore;

10 10 The Wrath of Man shall yield thee Praise,
Its last Attempts but serve to raise
The Triumphs of Almighty Pow'r.

11 11 Vow to the Lord, ye Nations, bring
Vow'd Presents to th' Eternal King;
Thus to his Name due Rev'rence pay,

12 Who proudest Potentates can quell,
To earthly Kings more terrible,
Than to their trembling Subjects they.

Psalm lxxvii:

1 1 TO God I cry'd, who to my Help
did graciously repair,

2 In Trouble's dismal Day I sought
my God with humble Pray'r.
All Night my fest'ring Wound did run,
no Med'cine gave Relief;
My Soul no Comfort would admit,
my Soul indulg'd her Grief.

3 I thought on God, and Favours past,
but that increas'd my Pain;
I found my Spirit more opprest,
the more I did complain.

4 Thro' ev'ry Watch of tedious Night
thou keep'st my Eyes awake;
My Grief is swell'd to that Excess,
I sigh but cannot speak.

5 I call to Mind the Days of old,
with signal Mercy crown'd.
Those famous Years of antient Times,
for Miracles renown'd.

6 By Night I recollect my Songs
on former Triumphs made;
Then Search, consult, and ask my Heart
where's now that wond'rous Aid?

7 Has God for ever cast us off,
withdrawn his Favours quite?

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8 Are both his Mercy and his Truth
retired to endless Night ?

9 Can his long-practis'd Love forget
its wonted Aids to bring ?
Has he in Wrath shut up and seal'd
his Mercy's healing Spring ?

10 I said, my Weakness hints these Fears,
but I'll my Fears disband ;
Will yet remember the most High,
and Years of his Right-hand.

11 I'll call to Mind his Works of Old,
the Wonders of his Might ?

12 On them my Heart shall meditate,
my Tongue shall them recite.

13 Safe lodg'd from human Search on high,
O God, thy Counsels are !
Who is so great a God as ours ?
who can with him compare ?

14 Long since a God of Wonders thee,
thy rescu'd People found ;

15 Long since hast thou thy chosen Seed
with strong Deliv'rance crown'd.

16 When thee, O God, the Waters saw,
the frightened Billows shrunk ;
The troubled Depths themselves, for Fear
beneath their Channels sunk. (Skies,

17 The Clouds pour'd down, while rending
did with their Noise conspire ;
Thy Arrows all abroad were sent,
wing'd with avenging Fire.

18 Heav'n with thy Thunder's Voice was torn,
whilst all the lower World (seem'd
With Lightnings blaz'd ; Earth shook and
from her Foundations hurl'd.

19 Thro' rolling Streams thou find'st thy way,
thy Paths in Waters lie ;
Thy wond'rous Passage were no sight
thy Footsteps can descrie.

20 Thou led'st thy People, like a Flock,
safe through the Desart Land,
By Moses, their meek skilful Guide,
and Aaron's sacred Hand.

Psalm lxxviii.

1 Har, O my People, to my Law,
devout Attention lend;
Let the Instruction of my Mouth
deep in your Hearts descend.

2 My Tongue, by Inspiration taught
shall Parables unfold,
Dark Oracles, but understood,
and own'd for Truths of Old.

3 Which we from sacred Registers
of antient Times have known,
And our forefathers pious Care
to us has handed down.

4 We will not hide them from our Sons,
our Off-springs shall be taught
The Praises of the Lord, whose Strength
has Works of Wonder wrought.

5 For Jacob he this Law ordain'd,
this League with Isr'el made,
With Charge, to be from Age to Age,
from Race to Race convey'd.

6 That Generations yet to come
should to their unborn Heirs
Religiously transmit the same,
and they again to theirs.

7 To teach 'em that in God alone
their Hope securely stands;
That they should ne'er his Works forget,
but keep his just Commands.

8 Lest, like their Fathers they might prove
a stiff Rebellious Race,
False-hearted, fickle to their God,
Unsteadfast in his Grace.

9 Such were revolting Ephraim's Sons,
who tho' to Warfare bred;
And skilful Archers, arm'd with Bows,
from field ignobly fled.

10, 11 They falsify'd their League with God,
his Orders disobey'd;
Forgot his Works and Miracles
before their Eyes display'd.

12 Nor Wonders which their Fathers saw,
did they in Mind retain;

Prodigious

Prodigious Things in Egypt done,
and Zoan's fertile Plain.

13 He cut the Seas to let them pass,
restrain'd the pressing Flood ;
While pil'd in Heaps on either side,
the solid Waters stood.

14 A wond'rous Pillar led them on,
compos'd of Shade and Light ;
A shelt'ring Cloud it proved by Day,
a leading Fire by Night.

15 When Drought opprest 'em, where no Stream
the Wilderness supply'd,
He cleft the Rock, whose flinty Breast
dissolv'd into a Tide.

16 Streams from the solid Rock he brought,
which down in Rivers fell,
That, trav'ling with their Camp, each Day
renew'd the Miracle.

17 Yet there they finn'd against him more,
provoking the most High ;
In that same Desart where he did
their fainting Souls supply.

18 They first incens'd him in their Heats,
that did his Pow'r distrust ;
And long'd for Meat, not urg'd by Want,
but to indulge their Lust.

19 Then utter'd their blaspheming Doubts :
" can God, say they, prepare
" A Table in the Wilderness,
" set out with varions Fair ?

20 " He smote the flinty Roch ('tis true)
" and gushing Streams ensu'd ;
" But can he Corn and Flesh provide
for such a Multitude ?

21 The Lord with Indignation heard,
from Heav'n avenging Flame
On Jacob fell, consuming Wrath
on thankless Isr'el came.

22 Because their unbelieving Hearts
in God would not confide.
Nor trust his Care, who had from Heav'n
their Wants so oft supply'd

23 Tho' he had made his Clouds discharge
Provisions down in Show'rs,

And

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And, when Earth fail'd, reliev'd their Needs
from his Celestial Stores.

24 Tho' tasteful Manna was rain'd down
their Hunger to relieve ;
Tho' from the Stores of Heaven they did
sustaining Corn receive.

25 Thus Man with Angels sacred Food,
ingrateful Man was fed ;
Not sparingly, for still they found
a plenteous Table spread.

26 From Heav'n he made an East Wind blow,
then did the South command

27 To rain down Flesh like Dust, and Fowls
like Seas unnumber'd Sand.

28 Within their Trenches he let fall
the luscious easy Prey,
And all around their spreading Camp
the feather'd Booty lay.

29 They fed, were fill'd, he gave 'em Leave
their Appetites to feast ;

30, 31 Yet still their wanted Lust crav'd on,
nor with their Hunger ceas'd.
But whilst in their luxurious Mouths,
they did their Dainties chew,
The Wrath of God smote down their Chiefs,
and Isr'el's Chosen slew.

P A R T II.

32 Yet still they finn'd, nor would afford
his Miracles Belief ;

33 Therefore thro' fruitless Travels, he
consum'd their Lives in Grief.

34 When some were slain, the rest return'd
to God with early Cry ;

35 Own'd him the Rock of their Defence,
their Saviour, God most High.

36 But this was feign'd Submission all,
their Heart their Tongue bely'd

37 Their Heart was still perverse, nor would
forsake in his League abide.

38 Yet, full of Mercy he forgave,
nor did with Death chaffise ;
But turn'd his kindled Wrath aside,
or would not let it rise.

39 For he remembred they were Flesh
that could not long remain ;
A murm'ring Wind that's quickly past,
and ne'er returns again.

40 How oft did they provoke him there
how oft his Patience grieve,
In that same Desart where he did
their fainting Souls believe ?

41 They tempted him by turning back,
and wickedly repin'd.
When Isr'el's God refused to be
by their Desires confin'd.

42 Nor call'd to Mind the Hand and Day
that their Redemption brought ;

43 His Signs in Egypt, wond'rous Works
in Zoan's Valley wrought.

44 He turn'd their Rivers into Blood,
that Man and Beast forbore ;
And rather chose to die of Thirst
than drink the putred Gore.

45 He sent devouring swarms of Flies,
hoarse Frogs annoy'd their Soil ;

46 Locusts and Caterpillars reap'd
the Harvest of their Toil.

47 Their Vines with battering hail were broke,
with Frost the Fig-tree dies :

48 Light'ning and Hail made Flocks and Herds
one gen'ral Sacrifice,

49 He turn'd his Anger loose, and set
no time for it to cease ;
And, with their Plagues, bad Angels sent
their Torment to increase.

50 He clear'd a Passage for his Wrath
to savage uncontrol'd ;
The Murrain on their Lustlings seiz'd
in every Field and Fold.

51 The deadly Pest from Beast to Man,
From Field to City came ;
It slew their Heirs, their eldest Hopes,
through all the Tents of Ham.

52 But his own Tribe, like folded Sheep,
He brought from their Distress ;
And them conducted like a Flock,
througout the Wilderness.

53 He led them on, and in their Way
no cause of Fear they found :
But march'd securely thro' those Deep's
in which their Foes were drown'd.

54 Nor ceas'd his Care, till them he brought
safe to his promis'd Land,
And to his holy Mount, the Prize
of his victorious Hand.

55 To them the out-casts Heathen's Land
he did by Lot divide ;
And in their Foes abandon'd Tents
made Isr'el's Tribes reside.

P A R T III.

56 Yet still they tempted, still provok'd
the Wrath of God most high ;
Nor would to practice his Commands
their stubborn Hearts apply.

57 But in their faithless Fathers Steps
perversely chose to go ;
They turn'd aside like Arrows shot
from some deceitful Bow.

58 For him to Fury they provok'd
with Altars set on high ;
And with their graven Images
inflam'd his Jealousy.

59 When God heard this, on Isr'el's Tribes
his Wrath and Hatred fell ;

60 He quitted Shilo, and the Tents
where once he chose to dwell.

61 To vile Captivity his Ark,
his Glory to disdain,

62 His People to the Sword he gave,
nor would his Wrath restrain.

63 Destructive War their ablest Youth
untimely did confound ;
No Virgin was to th' Altar led,
with Nuptial Garlands crown'd.

64 In Fight the Sacrificer fell,
the Priest a Victim bled :
And Widows, who their Death should mourn
themselves of Grief where dead.

65 Then, as a Giant rouz'd from Sleep.
whom Wine had throughly warm'd,
Shouts out aloud ; the Lord awak'd,
and his proud Foe alarm'd.

66 He smote their Host, that from the Field
a scatter'd Remnant came,
With Wounds imprinted on their Backs
of everlasting Shame.

67 With Conquest crown'd, he Joseph's Tents
and Ephraim's Tribe forsook ;

68 But Judah chose, and Sion's Mount
for his lov'd Dwelling took.

69 His Temple he erected there,
with Spires exalted high !
While deep and fix'd, as that of Earth,
the strong Foundations lie.

70 His faithful Servant David too
he for his Choice did own,
And from the Sheepfold him advanc'd
to sit on Judah's Throne.

71 From tending on the teeming Ewes,
he brought him forth to feed
His own Inheritance, the Tribes
of Isr'el's chosen Seed.

72 Exalted thus, the Monarch prov'd
a faithful Shepherd still ;
He fed them with an upright Heart,
and guided them with Skill.

Psalm lxxxix.

1 Behold, O God, how Heathen Hosts,
have thy Possession seized :
Thy sacred House they have defil'd,
thy Holy City raz'd.

2 The mangled Bodies of thy Saints
abroad unbury'd lay ;
Their Flesh expos'd to savage Beasts,
and rav'nous Birds of Prey.

3 Quite thro' Jerus'lem was their Blood,
like common Water shed ;
And nohe were left alive to pay
last Duties to the Dead.

4 The neighb'rинг Lands our small Remains
with loud Reproaches wound ;
And we a laughing-stock are made
to all the Nations round.

5 How long wilt thou be angry, Lord ;
must we for ever mourn ?
Shall thy devouring Jealous Rage,
like Fire for ever burn ?

6 On foreign Lands that know not thee,
thy heavy Vengeance show'z ;
Those sinful Kingdoms let it crush
that have not own'd thy Pow'z.

7 For their devouring Jaws have prey'd
on Jacob's chosen Race ;
And to a barren Desert turn'd
their fruitful Dwelling-place.

8 O think not on our former Sins,
but speedily prevent
The utter Ruin of thy Saints,
almost with sorrow spent.

9 Thou God of our Salvation, help,
and free our Souls from blame ;
So shall our Pardon and Defence
exalt thy glorious Name.

10 Let Infidels that scoffing say,
“ where is the God they boast ?
In Vengeance, for thy slaughter'd Saints,
perceive Thee to their cost.

11 Lord, hear the sighing Pris'ners Moan,
thy saving Pow'z extend ;
Preserve the Wretches doom'd to die,
from that untimely End.

12 On them, who us oppress, let all
our Suff'ringz be repaid ;
Make their Confusion sev'n times more,
than what on us they laid.

13 So we, thy People and thy Flock
shall ever Praise thy Name ;
And with glad Hearts our grateful Thanks
from Age to Age proclaim.

Psalm lxxx.

1 O Isr'cl's Shepherd, Joseph's Guide,
Our Pray'z to thee vouchsafe to hear ;
Thou that dost on the Cherubs ride,
Again in solemn State appear.

2 Behold, how Benjamin expects,
With Ephraim and Manasseh join'd,
In our Deliv'rance the Effects
Of thy resistless Strength to find.

3 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
the Lustre of thy Face display ;

And

And all the Ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd Clouds, shall pass away.

O Thou, whom Heav'nly Hosts obey,
How long shall thy fierce anger burn?
How long thy suffering People pray,
And to their Prayers have no Return?

When hungry, we are forc'd to drench,
Our scanty Food in Floods of Woe;
When dry, our raging Thirst we quench
with Streams of Tears that largely flow.

For us the Heathen Nations round,
As for a common Prey contest;
Our spiteful Foes with Joy abound,
And at our lost Condition jest.

Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou,
the Lustre of thy Face display;
And all the Ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd Clouds shall pass away.

P A R T II.

Thou brought'st a Vine from Egypt's Land,
And casting out the Heathen Race,
Didst plant it with thy own Right-Hand,
And firmly fix it in their Place.

Before it thou prepar'dst the Way,
And mad'st it take a lasting Root,
Which, blest with thy indulgent Ray
O'er all the Land did widely shoot.

The Hills were cover'd with its Shade,
Its goodly Boughs did Cedars seem:
Its Branches to the Sea were spread,
And reach'd to proud Euphrates Stream.

Why then hast thou its Hedge o'erthrown,
Which thou had'st made so firm and strong?
Whilst all its Grapes defenceless grown,
Are pluck'd by those that pass along.

See how the bristling Forest Boar,
With dreadful Fury lays it Waste:
Hark how the savage Monsters roar,
And to their helpless Prey make haste.

P A R T III.

To thee, O God of Hosts, we pray;
Thy wonted Goodness, Lord, renew:
From Heav'n, thy Throne, this Vine survey,
And her sad State with Pity view.

15 Behold

25 Behold the Vineyard, made by thee,
Which thy Right-Hand did guard so long,
And keep that Branch from Danger free,
Which for thyself thou mad'st so strong.

26 To wasting Flames 'tis made a Prey,
And all its spreading Bougs cut down,
At thy rebuke they soon decay,
and perish at thy dreadful Frown.

27 Crown thou the King with good Succes.
by thy Right-Hand secur'd from Wrong;
The Son of Man in Mercy bless,
Whom for thyself thou mad'st so strong.

28 So shall we still continue free
From whatsoe'er deserves thy Blame;
And if once more reviv'd by thee,
Will always praise thy Holy Name.

29 Do thou convert us, Lord, do thou
The Lustre of thy Face display;
And all the Ills we suffer now,
Like scatter'd Clouds shall pass away.

Psalm lxxxi.

1 TO God, our never-failing Strength,
with loud Applauses sing.
And jointly make a cheerful Noise
to Jacob's awful King.

2 Compose a Hymn of Praise and touch
your Instruments of Joy;
Let Psalteries and pleasant Harps
your grateful Skill employ.

3 Let Trumpets at the great New Moon
their joyful Voices raise,
To celebrate th' appointed Time,
the solemn Day of Praise.

4 For this a Statute was of old,
which Jacob's God decreed,
To be with pious care observ'd
by Isr'el's chosen Seed.

5 This he for a Memorial fix'd
when freed from Egypt's Land,
Strange Notions barbarous Speech we heard,
but could not understand.

6 " Your burthen'd Shoulders I reliev'd,
(thus seems our God to say)

" You

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" Your servile Hands by me were freed
 " from lab'ring in the Clay.

7 " Your Ancestors with Wrongs opprest,
 " to me for Aid did call ;
 " With Pity I their Suff'nings saw,
 " and set them free from all.

" They sought for me and from the Cloud,
 " in Thunder I reply'd :
 " At Meribah's contentions Stream
 " their Faith and Duty try'd.

P A R T II.

8 " While I my solemn Will declare,
 " my chosen People hear ;
 " If thou, O Isr'el to my Words
 " wilt bend thy list'ning Ear.

9 " Then shall no God besides myself
 " within thy Coasts be found ;
 " nor shalt thou Worship any God
 " of all the Nations round.

10 " The Lord thy God am I, who thee
 brought forth from Egypt's Land ;
 " 'Tis I that all thy just Desires
 " supply with lib'ral Hand.

11 " But they, my chosen Race, refus'd
 " to hearken to my Voice ;
 " Nor would rebellious Isr'el's Sons
 " make me thy happy Choice.

12 So I, provok'd, resign'd them up,
 to ev'ry Lust a Prey ;
 And, in their own perverse Designs,
 permitted them to stray.

13 O that my People wisely would
 my just Commandments heed !
 And Isr'el in my righteous Ways
 with pious Care proceed !

14 Then should my Heavy Judgments fall
 on all that them oppose ;
 And my avenging Hand be turn'd
 against their num'rous Foes.

15 Their Enemies and mine, should all
 before my Footstool bend ;
 But as for them, their happy State
 should never know an End.

16 All

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25 All Parts with Plenty shall abound,
with finest Wheat their Field,
The barren Rocks, to please their Taste,
Should richest Honey yield.

Psalm lxxxii.

1 GOD in the great Assembly stands,
where his impartial Eye
In State surveys the Earthly Gods,
and does their Judgments try.

2, 3 How dare you then unjustly judge,
or be to Sinners kind ?
Defend the Orphan and the Poor,
let such your Justice find.

4 Protect the humble helpless Man,
reduc'd to deep Distress,
And let not him become a Prey
to such as would oppress.

5 They neither know, nor will they learn,
but blindly rove and stray ;
Justice and Truth, the World's Support,
through all the Land decay.

6 Well then may God in Anger say,
“ I've call'd you by my Name ;
“ I've laid ye are Gods, and all ally'd
“ to the most high in Fame.

7 “ But ne'ertheless your unjust Deeds
“ to strict Account I'll call ;
“ You all shall die like common Men,
“ like other Tyrants fall.

8 Arise and thy just Judgments, Lord,
throughout the Earth display ;
And all the Nations of the World
shall own thy righteous sway.

Psalm lxxxiii.

1 Hold not thy Peace, O Lord our God,
no longer silent be ;
Nor with consenting quiet Looks
our Ruin calmly see !

2 For lo ! the Tumults of thy Foes,
o'er all the Land are spread :
And those who hate thy Saints, and thee
lift up their threat'ning Head.

3 against thy zealous People, Lord.
they craftily combine ;

And

And to destroy thy chosen Saints
have laid their close Design.

4 " Come, let us cut them off, say they,
" their Nation quite deface ;
" That no Remembrance may remain
of Isr'el's hated Race.

5 Thus they against thy People's Peace
consult with one Consent ;
And diff'rent Nations, jointly leagu'd,
their common Malice vent.

6 The Ishm'elites that dwell in Tents,
with warlike Edom join'd,
And Moab's Sons our Ruin vow,
with Hagar's Race combin'd.

Proud Ammon's Off-spring ; Gebal too,
with Amalek conspire ;
The Lords of Palestine, and all
the wealthy Sons of Tyre :
All these the strong Affyrian King
their firm Ally have got ;
Who with a pow'rful Army aids
th' incestuous Race of Lot.

P A R T II.

7 But let such Vengeance come to them,
as once to Midian came ;
To Jabin, and proud Sisera,
at Kishon's fatal Stream.

8 When thy Right-hand their num'rous Hosts
near Endor did confound,
And left their Carcasses for Dung
to feed the hungry Ground.

9 Let all their mighty Men the Fate
of Zeb and Horeb share ;
As Zebah and Zalmunnah, so
let all their Princes fare.

10 Who, with the same Design inspir'd,
thus vainly boasting spake,
" In firm Possession for ourselves,
" let us God's Houses take.

11 To Ruin let them haste, like Wheels
which downwards swiftly move ;
Like Chaff before the Winds, let all
their scatter'd Forces prove.

P S A L M LXXXIV.

14, 15 As Flames consume dry Wood, or Heath
that on parch'd Mountains grows,
So let thy fierce pursuing Wrath
with Terror strike thy Foes.

16, 17 Lord, shroud their Faces with Disgrace,
that they may own thy Name ;
Or them confound whose harden'd Hearts
thy gentler Means disclaim.

18 So shall the wond'ring World confess
that thou, who claim'st alone
Jehovah's Name o'er all the Earth
has rais'd thy lofty Throne.

Psalm lxxxiv.

1 O God of Hosts, the mighty Lord,
how lovely is thy Place
Where thou, enthron'd in Glory, shew'st
the Brightness of thy Face !

2 My longing Soul faints with Desire,
to view thy bless'd Abode ;
My panting Heart and Flesh cry out
for thee the living God.

3 The Birds, more happy far than I,
around thine Temple throng ;
Securely there they build, and there
securely hatch their Young.

4 O Lord of Hosts, my King and God,
how highly bless'd are they
Who in thy Temple always dwell,
and there thy Praise display !

5 Thrice happy they whose Choice has thee
their sure Protection made ;
Who long to tread the sacred Ways
that to thy Dwelling lead !

6 Who pass thro' Baca's thirsty Vale,
yet no Refreshment want ;
Their Pools are fill'd with Rain, which thou
at their Request dost grant.

7 Thus they proceed from strength to strength,
and still approach more near ;
Till all on Sion's Holy Mount,
before their God appear.

8 O Lord, the mighty God of Hosts,
my just Request regard ;

Thou

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Thou God of Jacob, let my Pray'r
be still with Favour heard !

Behold, O God, for thou alone
caus't timely Aid dispense ;
On thy anointed Servant look,
be thou his strong Defence :
For in thy Courts one single Day
'tis better to attend,
Than, Lord, in any Place besides,
a thousand Days to spend.

Much rather in God's House will I
the meanest Office take.

Than in the wealthy Tents of Sin
my pompous Dwelling make.

For God is both our Sun and Shield,
he'll Grace and Glory give ;
And no good Thing will he with-hold
from them that justly live.

Thou God, whom heav'nly Hosts obey,
how highly bleſſ'd is he,
Whose Hope and Trust securely plac'd,
is still repos'd on thee !

Psalm lxxxv.

L ORD, thou hast granted to thy Land,
the Favours we implor'd ;
And faithful Jacob's captive Race
haſt graciously restor'd.
3 Thy People's Sins thou haſt forgiv'n,
and all their Guilt defac'd ;
Thou haſt not let thy Wrath flame on,
nor thy fierce Anger last.

O God our Saviour, all our Hearts
to thy Obedience turn ;
That, quench'd with our repeating Tears,
thy Wrath no more may burn.
6 For why ſhouldſt thou be angry ſtill,
and Wrath ſo long retain ?
Revive us, Lord, and let thy Saints
thy wond'rous Mercy gain.

Thy gracious Favour, Lord, display,
which we have long implor'd ;
And for thy wond'rous Mercies sake,
thy wond'rous Aid afford.

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8 God's Answer patiently I'll wait,
for he, with glad Success.
(If they no more to Folly turn)
his mourning Saints will bless.

9 To all that fear his Holy Name
his sure Salvation's near ;
And in its former happy State
our Nation shall appear.

10 For Mercy now with Truth is join'd ;
and Righteousness with Peace,
Like kind Companions absent long,
with Friendly Arms embrace.

11, 12 Truth from the Earth shall spring, whilst
shall Streams of Justice pour ; (Heav'n
And God, from whom all Goodness flows,
shall endless Plenty shew'r.

13 Before him Righteousness shall march,
and his just Paths prepare ;
Whilst we his Holy Steps pursue,
with constant Zeal and Care.

Psalm lxxxvi.

1 O my Complaint, O Lord my God,
thy gracious Ear incline ;
Hear me, distressed and destitute
of all Relief, but thine!

2 Do thou, O God, preserve my Soul,
that does thy Name adore ;
Thy Servant keep, and him, whose Trust,
relies on Thee, restore.

3 To me, who daily thee invoke,
thy Mercy, Lord, extend :

4 Refresh thy Servant's Soul, whose Hopes
on thee alone depend.

5 Thou, Lord, art good, nor only good,
but prompt to pardon too ;
Of plenteous Mercy to all those
who for thy Mercy sue.

6 To my repeated humble Pray'r,
O Lord, attentive be !

7 When troubled I on thee will call,
for thou wilt answer me.

8 Among the Gods there's none like thee,
O Lord, alone Divine !

To

To thee as much inferiour they,
as are their Works to thine.

9 Therefore their great Creator Thee
the Nations shall adore,
Their long misguided Pray'rs and Praise,
to thy blest Name restore.

10 All shall confess thee great ; and great
the Wonders thou hast done :
Confess thee God, the God supreme ;
confess thee God alone.

P A R T II.

11 Teach me thy Way, O Lord, and I
from Truth shall ne'er depart ;
In Rev'rence to thy sacred Name
devoutly fix my Heart.

12 Thee will I praise, O Lord my God,
praise thee with Heart sincere ;
And to thy everlasting Name
eternal Trophies rear.

13 Thy boundless Mercy shewn to me
transcends my Power to tell ;
For thou hast oft redeem'd my Soul
from lowest Depths of Hell.

14 O God the Sons of Pride and Strife
have my Destruction sought,
Regardless of thy Pow'r, that oft
has my Deliv'rance wrought.

15 But thou thy constant Goodness didst
to my Assistance bring ;
Of Patience, Mercy, and of Truth,
thou everlasting Spring !

16 O bounteous Lord, thy Grace and Strength
to me thy Servant show ;
Thy kind Protection Lord, on me
thine Hand-maid's Son bestow.

17 Some Signal give, which my proud Foes
may see with Shame and Rage,
When thou, O Lord, for my Relief
and Comfort dost engage.

Psalm lxxxvii.

^{To} GOD's Temple crowns the Holy Mount ;
the Lord there condescends to dwell.

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- 2 His Sion's Gates, in his Account,
our Isr'el's fairest Tents excel.
- 3 Fame glorious Things of thee shall sing,
O City of th' Almighty King !
- 4 I'll mention Rahab with due Praise,
in Babylon's Applauses join :
The Fame of Ethiopia raise,
with that of Tyre and Palestine ;
And grant that some amongst them born,
Their Age and Country did adorn.
- 5 But still of Sion I'll aver,
that many such from her proceed ;
Th' Almighty shall establish her.
- 6 His gen'ral List shall shew, when read,
That such a Person there was born,
And such did such an Age adorn.
- 7 He'll Sion find with Numbers fill'd
of such as merit high Renown ;
For Hand and Voice Musicians skill'd,
and (her transcending Fame to crown)
Of such we shall Successions bring,
Like Waters from a living Spring.

Psalm lxxxviii.

- 1 **T**O thee, my God and Saviour, I,
By Day and Night address my Cry :
- 2 Vouchsafe my mournful Voice to hear,
To my Distress incline thine Ear.
- 3 For Seas of Trouble me invade,
My Soul draws nigh to Death's cold shade.
- 4 Like one whose strength and hopes are fled,
They number me among the Dead.
- 5 Like those who, shrouded in the Grave,
From thee no more Remembrance have ;
Cast off from thy sustaining Care,
- 6 Down to the Confines of Despair.
- 7 Thy Wrath has hard upon me lain,
Afflicting me with restless Pain ;
Me all thy Mountain Waves have press'd,
Too weak, alas, to bear the least.
- 8 Remov'd from Friends, I sigh alone,
In a loath'd Dungeon, laid, where none
A Visit will vouchsafe to me,
Confin'd past Hopes of Liberty.

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9 My Eyes from weeping never cease,
They waste, but still my Griefs increase ;
Yet daily, Lord, to thee I've pray'd
With out-stretch'd Hands invok'd, thy Aid.

10 Wilt thou by Miracle revive
The Dead, whom thou forsook'st alive ?
From Death restore thy Praise to sing,
Whom thou from Prison wouldst not bring ?

11 Shall the mute Grave thy Love confess ?
A mould'ring Tomb thy Faithfulness ?

12 Thy Truth and Pow'r renown obtain,
Where Darkness and Oblivion reign ?

13 To thee, O Lord, I cry, forlorn,
My Pray'r prevents the early Morn.

14 Why hast thou, Lord, my Soul forsook,
Nor once vouchsaf'd a gracious Look ?

15 Prevailing Sorrows bare me down,
Which from my Youth with me have grown ;
Thy Terrors past distract my Mind,
And Fears of blacker Days behind.

16 Thy Wrath has burst upon my Head,
Thy Terrors fill my Soul with Dread ;

17 Environ'd as with Waves combin'd,
And for a general Deluge join'd

18 My Lovers, Friends, Familiars, all
Remov'd from Sight, and out of Call ;
To dark Oblivion all retir'd,
Dead, or at least to me expir'd.

Psalm lxxxix.

1 THY Mercies, Lord, shall be my Song,
my Song on them shall ever dwell ;
To Ages yet unborn my Tongue,
thy never-failing Truth shall tell.

2 I have affirm'd, and still maintain,
thy Mercy shall for ever last ;
Thy Truth, that doth the Heav'n's sustain,
like them shall stand for ever fast.

3 Thus spak'st thou, by thy Prophet's Voice,
" with David I a League have made,
" To him my Servant and my Choice,
" by solemn Oath this Grant convey'd.

4 " While Earth, and Seas, and Skies endure
" thy Seed shall in my Sight remain :

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" To them thy Throne I will ensure,
" they shall to endless Ages reign.

5 For such stupendious Truth and Love
both Heav'n and Earth just Praises owe,
By Choirs of Angels sung above,
and by assembled Saints below.

6 What Seraph of Celestial Birth
to vie with Isr'el's God shall dare ?
Or who among the Gods of Earth,
with our Almighty* Lord compare ?

7 With Rev'rence and religious Dread,
his Saints should to his Temple press :
His Fear thro' all their Hearts should spread,
who his Almighty Name confess.

8 Lord God of Armies, who can boast
of Strength or Pow'r, like thine renown'd ?
Of such a num'rous faithful Host,
as that which does thy Throne surround ?

9 Thou dost the lawless Sea controul,
and change the Prospect of the Deep ;
Thou mak'st the sleeping Billows rowl,
thou mak'st the rowling Billows sleep.

10 Thou brak'st in Pieces Rahab's Pride,
and didst oppressive Pow'r disarm :
Thy scarer'd Foes have dearly try'd
the Force of thy resistless Arm.

11 In thee the sov'reign Right remains
of Earth and Heav'n ; thee, Lord, alone
The World, and all that it contains,
their Maker and Preserver own.

12 The Poles on which the Globe does rest,
were form'd by thy creating Voice ;
Tabor and Hermon, East and West,
in thy sustaining Pow'r rejoice.

13 Thy Arm is mighty, strong thy Hand,
yet, Lord, thou dost with Justice reign ;

14 Possest of absolute Command,
thou Truth and Mercy dost maintain.

15 Happy, thrice Happy they, who hear
thy sacred Trumpet's joyful Sound ;
Who may at Festival's appear,
with thy most glorious Presence crown'd.

16 Thy Saints shall always be o'erjoy'd,
who on thy sacred Name rely ;

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And, in thy Righteousness employ'd,
above their Foes he rais'd on high.
 17 For in thy Strength they shall advance,
whose Conquest from thy Favour spring.
 18 The Lord of Hosts is our Defence,
and Isr'el's God our Isr'el's King.
 19 Thus spak'st thou by thy Prophet's Voices,
 " a mighty Champion I will send,
 " From Judah's Tribe have I made Choice
 " of one who shall the rest defend.
 20 " My Servant David I have found,
 " with Holy Oil anointed him ;
 21 " Him shall the Hand support that crown'd,
and guard that gave the Diadem.
 22 " No Prince from him shall Tribute force,
 " no Son of Strife shall him annoy ;
 23 " His spiteful Foes I will disperse,
 " and them before his Face destroy.
 24 " My Truth and Grace shall him sustain,
 " his Armies in well-order'd Ranks,
 25 " Shall conquer from the Tyrian Main
 " to Tygris and Euphrates Banks.
 26 " Me for his Father he shall take,
 " his God and Rock of Safety call ;
 27 " Him I my first-born Son will make,
 " and earthly Kings his Subjects all.
 28 " To him my Mercy I'll secure,
 " my Cov'nant make for ever fast.
 29 " His Seed for e'er shall endure, (last.
 " his Throne, till Heaven dissolves shall

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30 " But if his Heirs my Law forsake,
 " and from my sacred Precepts stray,
 31 " If they my righteous Statutes break,
 " nor strictly my Commands obey :
 32 " Their Sins I'll visit with a Rod,
 " and for their Folly make them smart ;
 33 " Yet will not cease to be their God,
 " nor from my Truth, like them depart.
 34 " My Cov'nant I will ne'er revoke,
 " but in Remembrance fast retain ;
 " The Thing that once my Lips have spoke
 " shall in eternal Force remain.

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35 "Once have I sworn, but once for all,
 " and made my Holiness the Tie,
 " That I my Grant will ne'er recal,
 " nor to my Servant David lie.

36 "Whose Throne and Race the constant Sun,
 " shall like his Course, establish'd see ;

37 "Of this my Oath, thou conscious Moon,
 " in Heav'n my faithful Witness be.

38 Such was thy gracious Promise, Lord,
 but thou hast now our Tribes forsook ;
 Thy own Anointed hast abhor'd,
 and turn'd on him thy wrathful Look.

39 Thou seemest to have render'd void,
 the Cov'nant with thy Servant made,
 Thou hast his Dignity destroy'd,
 and in the Dust his Honour laid.

40 Of strong Holds thou hast him bereft,
 and brought his Bulwarks to decay :

41 His frontier Coasts defenceless left,
 a publick Scorn, and common Prey.

42 His Ruin does glad Triumphs yield
 to Foes advanc'd by thee to Might ;

43 Thou hast his conq'ring Sword unsteal'd,
 his Valour turn'd to shameful Flight.

44 His Glory is to Darkness fled,
 his Throne is levell'd with the Ground :

45 His Youth to wretched Bondage led,
 with shame o'erwhelm'd and sorrow drown'd.

46 How long shall we thy Absence mourn ?
 wilt thou for ever, Lord, retire ?
 Shall thy consuming Anger burn,
 till that, and we at once expire ?

47 Consider, Lord, how short a Space,
 thou dost for mortal Life ordain ;
 No Method to prolong the Race,
 but loading it with Grief and Pain ?

48 What Man is he that can controul
 Death's strict unalterable Doom ;
 Or rescue from the Grave his Soul,
 the Grave that must Mankind entomb ;

49 Lord, where's thy Love, thy boundless grace,
 the Oath to which thy Truth did seal,
 Consign'd to David and his Race,
 the Grant which Time should ne'er repeal

50 See how thy Servants treated are,
with Infamy, Reproach and Spite ;
Which in my silent Breast I bear
from Nations of licentious Might.
51 How they, reproaching thy great Name,
have made thy Servant's Hope their Jest ;
52 Yet thy just Praises we'll proclaim,
and ever sing, the Lord be blest.

Amen, Amen.

Psalm xc.

1 O Lord, thy Saviour and Defence,
of us thy chosen Race ;
From Age to Age thou still hast been
our sure abiding Place.
2 Before thou brought'ft the Mountains forth,
or th' Earth and World didst frame ;
Thou always wert the mighty God
and ever art the same.
3 Thou turnest Man. O Lord, to Dust,
of which he first was made ;
And when thou speak'ft the Word, Return,
'tis instantly obey'd.
4 For in thy Sight a thousand Years,
are like a Day that's past ;
Or like a Watch in dead of Night,
whose Hours unminded waste.
5 Thou sweep'ft us off as with a Flood,
we vanish hence like Dreams ;
At first we grow like Grass, that feels
the Sun's reviving Beams.
6 But howsoever fresh and fair,
it's Morning-Beauty shows ;
'Tis all cut down, and wither'd quite,
before the Evening close.
7, 8 We by thine Anger are consum'd,
and by thy Wrath dismay'd ;
Our publick Crimes and secret Sins,
before thy Sight are laid.
9 Beneath thy Anger's sad Effects
our drooping Days we spend ;
Our unregarded Years break off,
like Tales that quickly end.

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10 Our Term of Time is seventy Years,
an Age that few survive :
But if, with more than common Strength,
to Eighty we arrive.
Yet then our boasted Strength decays,
to Sorrow turn'd and Pain ;
So soon the Under Thread is cut,
and we no more remain.

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11 But who thy Anger's dread Effects
does, as he ought, revere !
And yet thy Wrath does fall or rise,
as more or less we fear.

12 So teach us, Lord, th' uncertain Sum
of our short Days to mind,
That to true Wisdom all our Hearts,
may ever be inclin'd.

13 O to thy Servants, Lord, return,
and speedily relent !
As we forsake our Sins, do thou
revoke our Punishment.

14 To satisfy and chear our Souls,
thy early Mercy send ;
That we may all our Days to come,
in Joy and Comfort spend.

15 Let happy Times, with large Amends,
dry up our former Tears ;
Or equal at the least the Term
of our afflicted Years.

16 To all thy Servants. Lord, let this
thy wond'rous Work be known.
And to our Off spring yet unborn,
thy glorious Pow'r be shown.

17 Let thy bright Rays upon us shine,
give thou our Work success ;
The glorious Work we have in Hand,
do thou vouchsafe to bless.

Psalm xci.

1 H E that has God his Guardian made,
shall under the Almighty's Shade,
Secure and undisturb'd abide.

2 Thus, to my Soul. of him I'll say,
He is my Fortress and my Stay,
My God, in whom I will confide.

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3 His tender Love and watchful Care
 Shall free thee from the Fowler's Snare,
 And from the Noisome Pestilence :
 4 He over thee his Wings shall spread,
 And cover thy unguarded Head ;
 His Truth shall be thy strong Defence.

5 No Terrors, that surprize by Night,
 Shall thy undaunted Courage fright,
 Nor deadly Sha'ts that fly by Day ;
 6 Nor Plague of unknown Rise, that kills
 In Darknes, nor infectious Illis,
 That in the hottest Seasons slay.

7 A thousand at thy Side shall die,
 At thy Right-hand ten thousand lie,
 While thy firm Health untouched remains :
 8 Thou only shalt look on and see
 The Wicked's dismal Tragedy,
 And count the Sinner's mournful Gains.

9 Because with well-plac'd Confidence,
 Thou mak'st the Lord thy sure Defence,
 And on the highest dost rely ;
 10 Therefore no Ill shall thee befall,
 Nor to thy healthful Dwelling shall
 Any infectious Plague draw nigh.

11 For he, throughout thy happy Days,
 To keep thee safe in all thy Ways,
 Shall give his Angels strict Commands ;
 11 And they left thou should chance to meet
 With some rough Stone to wound thy Feet,
 Shall bear thee safely in their Hands.

13 Dragons and Asps that thirst for Blood,
 And Lions roaring for their Food,
 Beneath his conq'ring Feet shall lie.
 14 Because he lov'd and honour'd me,
 Therefore (says God) I'll set him free
 And fix his glorious Throne on high.

15 He'll call; I'll answer when he calls,
 And rescue him when Ill befalls ;
 Increase his Honour and his Wealth ;
 16 And when, with undisturb'd Content,
 His long and happy Life is spent,
 His End I'll crown with lasting Health.

Psalm xcii.

1 **H**OW good and pleasant must it be
to thank the Lord most High ?
And with repeated Hymns of Praise
his Name to magnify !

2 With ev'ry Morning's early Dawn,
his Goodness to relate ;
And of his constant Truth each Night,
the glad Effects repeat.

3 To ten-string'd Instruments we'll sing,
with tuneful Psalm'ties join'd ;
And to the Harp with solemn Sounds,
for sacred Use design'd.

4 For thro' thy wond'rous Works, O Lord !
thou mak'st my Heart rejoice ;
The Thoughts of them shall make me glad,
and shout with chearful Voice.

5, 6 How wond'rous are thy works, O Lord !
how deep are thy Decrees !
Whose winding Tracts, in secret laid,
no stupid Sinner sees.

7 He little thinks, when wicked Men,
like Grass look fresh and gay,
How soon their short liv'd Splendor must
for ever pass away.

8, 9 But thou, my God, art still most high,
and all thy lofty Foes,
Who thought they might securely sin,
shall be o'erwhelm'd with Woes.

10 Whilst thou exalt'st my Sov'reign Pow'r,
and makes it largely spread,
And with refreshing Oil anoint'st
my consecrated Head.

11 I soon shall see my stubborn Foes
to utter Ruin brought ;
And hear the dismal End of those
who have against me fought,

12 But righteous Men, like fruitful Palms.
shall make a glorious Show ;
As Cedars that on Lebanon
in stately Order grow.

13, 14 These, planted in the House of God,
within his Courts shall thrive ;

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Their Vigour and their Lustre both
shall in old Age revive.

1, Thus will the Lord his Justice shew,
and God, my strong Defence,
Shall due Rewards to all the World,
impartially dispense.

Psalm xciii.

1 With Glory clad, with Strength array'd,
the Lord that o'er all Nature reigns,
The World's Foundation strongly laid,
and the vast Fabrick still sustains.

2 How surely establish'd is thy Throne !
which shall no Change or Period see ;
For thou, O Lord, and thou alone,
art God from all Eternity.

3, 4 The Floods, O Lord, lift up their Voice,
and toss'd the troubled Waves on high ;
But God above can still their Noise,
and make the angry Sea comply.

5 Thy Promise, Lord, is ever sure ;
and they that in thy House would dwell,
That happy Station to secure,
must still in Holiness excel.

Psalm xciv.

1, 2 O God to whom Revenge belongs,
thy Vengeance now disclose :
Arise thou Judge of all the Earth,
and crush thy haughty Foes.

3, 4 How long, O Lord, shall sinful Men
their solemn Triumphs make ?
How long their wicked Actions boast,
and insolently speak ?

5, 6 Not only they thy Saints oppres,
but unprovok'd they spill
The Widows and the Stranger's Blood,
and helpless Orphans kill.

7 " And yet the Lord shall ne'er perceive,
(profanely thus they speak)
" Nor any Notice of our Deeds
" the God of Jacob take.

8 At length, ye stupid Fools, your Wants
endeavour to discern ;
In Folly will you still proceed,
and Wisdom never learn ?

9, 10 Can he be deaf who form'd the Ear,
or blind who fram'd the Eye ?
Shall Earth's great Judge not punish those
who his known Will defy ?

11 He fathoms all the Thoughts of Men,
to him their Hearts lie bare ;
His Eye surveys them all, and sees
how vain their Councils are.

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12 Blest is the Man whom thou, O Lord,
in Kindness dost chastise ;
And by thy sacred Rules to walk
dost lovingly advise.

13 This Man shall Rest and Safety find
in Seasons of Distress :
Whilst God prepares a Pit for those
that stubbornly transgress.

14 For God will never from his Saints
his Favour wholly take ;
His own Possession and his Lot
he will not quite forsake.

15 The World shall then confess thee just
in all that thou hast done ;
And those that chuse thy upright Ways,
shall in those Paths go on.

16 Who will appear in my behalf,
when wicked Men invade ?
Or who, when Sinners would oppress
my righteous Cause shall plead ?

17, 18, 19. Long since had I in Silence slept,
but that the Lord was near,
To stay me when I slept ; when sad,
my troubled Heart to cheer.

20 Wilt thou, who art a God most just,
their sinful Throne sustain,
Who make the Law a fair Pretence
their wicked Ends to gain ?

21 Against the Lives of righteous Men,
they form their close Design,
And Blood of Innocence to spill,
in solemn League combine.

22 But my Defence is firmly plac'd
in God the Lord most high ;

He is my Rock, to which I may
for Refuge always fly.
3; The Lord shall cause their ill Designs
on their own Heads to fall ;
He in their Sins shall cut them off,
our God shall slay them all.

Psalm * xcv.

1 O Come, loud Anthems let us sing,
Loud Thanks to our Almighty King,
For we our Voices high should raise,
When our Salvation's Rock we praise.

2 Into his Presence let us haste,
To thank him for his Favours past ;
To him address in joyful Songs,
The Praise that to his Name belongs.

3 For God the Lord enthron'd in State,
Is, with unrivall'd Glory, great ;
A King superior far to all,
Whom by his Title, God we call.

4 The Depths of Earth are in his Hand,
Her secret Wealth at his Command ;
The Strength of Hills that reach the Skies,
Subjected to his Empire lies.

5 The rouling Ocean's vast Abyss
By the same sov'reign Right is his ;
'Tis mov'd by his Almighty Hand,
That form'd and fix'd the solid Land.

6 O let us to his Courts repair,
And bow with Adoration there,
Down on our Knees devoutly all
Before the Lord our Maker fall.

7 For he's our God, our Shepherd he,
His Flock and Pasture-Sheep are we ;
If then you'll (like his Flock) draw near
To Day, if you his Voice will hear.

8 Let not your harden'd Hearts renew
Your Fathers Crimes and Judgments too,
Nor here provoke my Wrath, as they
In desert Plains of Meribah.

9 When thro' the Wilderness they mov'd,
And me with fresh Temptations prov'd:
They still, thro' Unbelief rebell'd,
While they my wond'rous Works beheld.

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10, 11 They, forty Years, my Patience griev'd,
Tho' daily I their Wants reliev'd :
Then--- 'Tis a faithless Race I said,
Whose Heart from me has always stray'd.

They ne'er will tread my righteous Path ;
Therefore to them, in settled Wrath,
Since they despis'd my Rest, I sware
That they should never enter there.

Psalm xcvi.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new made Song ;
Let Earth in one assembled Throng,
Her common Patron's Praise resound.
- 2 Sing to the Lord, and bless his Name,
From Day to Day his Praise proclaim,
Who us has with Salvation crown'd.
- 3 To Heathen Lands his Fame rehearse,
His wonders to the Universe.
- 4 He's great, and greatly to be prais'd ;
In Majesty and Glory rais'd
Above all other Deities :
- 5 For Pageantry and Idols all,
Are they, whom Gods the Heathen call ;
He only Rules, who made the Skies.
- 6 With Majesty and Honour crown'd,
Beauty and Strength his Throne surround.
- 7 Be therefore both to him restor'd
By you who have false God's ador'd,
Ascribe due Honour to his Name ;
- 8 Peace-offerings on his Altar lay,
Before his Throne your Homage pay,
Which he, and he alone can claim.
- 9 To worship at his sacred Court,
Let all the trembling World resort.
- 10 Proclaim aloud. Jehovah reigns,
Whose Pow'r the Universe sustains,
And banish'd Justice will restore :
- 11 Let therefore Heav'n new Joys confess,
And Heav'ly Mirth let Earth express,
Its loud Applause the Ocean roar,
Its mate Inhabitants rejoice
And for this Triumph find a Voice.
- 12 For Joy let fertile Valleys sing,
The cheerful Groves their Tribute bring ;

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The toneful Choir of Birds awake,
 1; The Lord's Approach to celebrate,
 Who now sets out with awful State,
 His Circuit thro' the Earth to take ;
 From Heav'n to judge the World he's come,
 With Justice to reward and doom.

Psalm xcvii.

- 1 Jehovah reigns, let all the Earth
 in his just Government rejoice ;
 Let all the Isles with sacred Mirth,
 in his Applause unite their Voice.
- 2 Darkness and Clouds of awful Shade,
 his dazzling Glory shroud in State,
 Justice and Truth his Guards are made,
 and fix'd by his Pavilion wait.
- 3 Devouring Fire before his Face,
 his Foes around with Vengeance strook ;
- 4 His Lightnings set the World on Blaze,
 Earth saw it, and with Terror shook.
- 5 The proudest Hills his Presence felt,
 their Height nor Strength could Help afford,
 The proudest Hills like Wax did melt
 in Presence of the Almighty Lord.
- 6 The Heav'ns, his Righteousness to show,
 with Storms of Fire our Foes pursu'd ;
 And all the trembling World below,
 have his descending Glory view'd.
- 7 Confounded be their impious Hosts,
 who make the Gods to whom they pray ;
 All who of Pagan Idols boast ;
 to him, ye Gods, your Worship pay.
- 8 Glad Sion of thy Triumph heard,
 and Judah's Daughters were o'erjoy'd :
 Because thy righteous Judgments, Lord,
 have Pagan Pride and Pow'r destroy'd.
- 9 For thou, O God, are seated High,
 above Earth's Potentates enthron'd :
 Thou, Lord, unrival'd in the Sky,
 supreme by all the Gods art own'd.
- 10 You, who to serv'e this Lord, aspire,
 abhor what's ill, and Truth esteem ;
 He'll keep his Servant's Soul entire,
 and them from wicked Hands redeem.

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11 For Seeds are sown of glorious Light,
a future Harvest for the Just ;
And Gladness for the Heart that's right,
to recompence his pious Trust.
12 Rejoice, ye Righteous in the Lord ;
Memorials of his Holiness,
Deep in your faithful Breasts record,
and with your thankful Tongues confess.
Psalm xciii.

1 Sing to the Lord a new made-Song,
who wond'rous Things has done :
With his Right-hand and Holy Arm,
the Conquest he has won.
2 The Lord has through th' astonish'd World
display'd his saving Might,
And made his righteous Acts appear
in all the Heathen's Sight.
3 Of Isr'el's House his Love and Truth
have ever mindful been :
Wide Earth's remotest Parts, the Pow'r
of Isr'el's God have seen.
4 Let therefore Earth's Inhabitants
their cheerful Voices raise,
And all with universal Joy
resound their Maker's Praise.
5 With Harp and Hymns soft Melody,
into the Consort bring ;
6 The Trumpet and shrill Cornet's sound,
before th' Almighty King.
7 Let the loud Ocean roar her Joy,
with all that Seas contain :
The Earth, and her Inhabitants,
join Consort with the Main.
8 With Joy let Riv'lets swell to Streams,
to spreading Torrents they ;
And echoing Vales from Hill to Hill
redoubled Shouts convey.
9 To welcome down the World's great Judge,
who does with Justice come,
And with impartial Equity,
both to reward and doom.

Psalm xcix.

1 Jehovah reigns, let therefore all
the guilty Nations quake :

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On Cherubs Wings he sets enthron'd,
let Earth's Foundations shake.

2 On Sion's Hill he keeps his Court,
his Palace makes her Tow'rs ;
Yet thence his Sovereignty extends
supreme o'er earthly Pow'rs.

3 Let therefore all with Praise address
his great and dreadful Name ;
And with his unresisted Might,
his Holiness proclaim.

4 For Truth and Justice in his Reign,
of Strength and Pow'r take place ;
His Judgments are with Righteousness
dispens'd with Jacob's Race.

5 Therefore exalt the Lord our God,
before his Footstool fall ;
And with his unresisted Might,
his Holiness extol.

6 Moses and Aaron thus of Old
among his Priest ador'd ;
Amongst his Prophets Samuel thus
his sacred Name implor'd,
Distress'd upon the Lord they call'd
who ne'er their Suit deny'd.
But as with Rev'rence they implor'd,
he graciously reply'd.

7 For with their Camp, to guide their March,
the Cloudy Pillar mov'd ;
They kept his Laws, and to his Will
obedient Servants prov'd.

8 He answer'd them forgiving oft
his People for their sake,
And those who rashly them oppos'd,
did sad examples make.

9 With Worship at his sacred Courts,
exalt our God and Lord,
For he who only holy is,
alone shall be ador'd.

Psalm c.

1, 2 WITH one Consent let all the Earth
to God their cheerful Voices raise,
Glad Homage pay with awful Mirth,
and sing before him Songs of Praise ;

3 Cons.

3 Convinc'd that he is God alone,
from whom both we and all proceed ;
We whom he chuses for his own,
the Flock that he vouchsafes to feed.

4 O enter then his Temple Gate,
thence to his Courts devoutly press,
And still your grateful Hymns repeat
and still his Name with Praises bless ;

5 For he's the Lord supremely good,
his Mercy is for ever sure ;
His Truth which always firmly stood,
to endless Ages shall endure.

Psalm ci.

1 O F Mercy's never-failing Spring,
And stedfast Judgment I will sing,
And since they both to thee belong,
To thee, O Lord address my Song.

2 When, Lord, thou shalt with me reside,
Wise Discipline my Reign shall guide ;
With blameless Life myself I'll make
A Pattern for my Court to take.

3 No ill Design will I pursue.
Nor those my Fav'rites make that do.

4 Who to Reproof bears no Regard,
Him will I totally discard.

5 The private Slanderer shall be
In publick Justice doom'd by me :
From haughty Looks I'll turn aside,
and mortify the Heart of Pride.

6 But Honesty call'd from her Cell,
In Splendor at my Court shall dwell,
Whose Virtue's Practice make their Care,
Shall have the first Preferments there.

7 No Politicks shall recommend
His Country's Foe to be my Friend ;
None e'er shall to my Favour rise
By flatt'ring or malicious Lies.

8 All those who wicked Courses take,
An early Sacrifice I'll make ;
Cut off, destroy, 'till none remain
God's holy City so profane.

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Psalm cii.

1 When I pour out my Soul in Pray'rs,
do thou, O Lord, attend;
To thy eternal Throne of Grace,
let my sad Cry ascend.

2 O hide not thou thy glorious Face
in Times of deep Distress;
Incline thine Ear, and when I call,
my Sorrows soon redress.

3 Each cloudy Portion of my Life,
like scatter'd Smoke expires,
My shrivel'd Bones are like a Hearth
parch'd with continual Fires.

4 My Heart like Grais, that feels the Blast
of some infectious Wind,
Does languish so with Grief that scarce
my needful Food I mind.

5 By Reason of my sad Estate,
I spend my Breath in Groans:
My Flesh is worn away, my Skin
scarce hides my starting Bones.

6 I'm like a Pelican become,
that does in Deserts mourn:
Or like an Owl, that sits all Day
in hollow Trees forlorn.

7 In Watchings or in restless Dreams
the Night by me is spent,
As by those solitary Birds
that lonesome Roufs frequent.

8 All Day by railing Foes I am made
the Subject of their Scorn;
Who all possess with furions Rage,
have my Destruction sworn.

9 When grov'ling on the Ground I lie,
opprest with Grief and Fears,
My Bread is strew'd with Ashes o'er,
my Drink is mixt with Tears.

10 Because on me with double Weight
thy heavy Wrath does lie:
For thou to make my Fall more great,
didst lift me up on high.

11 My Days just hastening to their End,
are like an Ev'nning Shade:

My

**My Beauty does, like wither'd Grafts,
with wan'ning Lustre fade.**

**12 But thy eternal State, O Lord,
no length of Time shall waste :
The Mem'ry of thy wond'rous Works
from Age to Age shall last.**

**13 Thou shalt arise, and Sion view
with an unclouded Face ;
For now her Time is come, thy own
appointed Day of Grace.**

**14 Her scatter'd Ruins by thy Saints
with Pity are survey'd :
They grieve to see her lofty Spires,
in Dust and Rubbish laid.**

**15, 16 The Name and Glory of the Lord
all Heathen Kings shall fear ;
When he shall Sion build again,
and in full State appear.**

**17, 18 When he regards the Poor's Request
nor slighteth their earnest Pray'r :
Our Sons for this recorded Grace,
shall his just Praise declare.**

**19, For God, from his abode on high,
his gracious Beams display'd ;
The Lord from Heav'n his lofty Throne,
has all the Earth survey'd.**

**20 He listen'd to the Captives Moans,
he heard their mournful Cry ;
And freed by his resistless Pow'r,
the Wretches doom'd to die.**

**21 That they in Sion, where he dwells,
might celebrate his Fame,
And thro' the Holy City sing,
loud Praifes to his Name.**

**22 When all the Tribes assembling there
their solemn Vows address ;
And neighb'ring Lands with glad Consent,
the Lord their God confess.**

**23 But, e'er my Race is Run, my Strength
thro' his fierce Wrath decays ;
He has when all his wishes bloom'd,
cut short my hopeful Days.**

**24 Lord, end not thou my Life, said I,
when half is scarcely past :**

Thy Years from worldly Changes free,
to endless Ages last.

25 The Strong Foundations of the Earth
of old by thee were laid ;
Thy Hands the beauteous Arch of Heav'n
with wond'rous Skill have made :
26, 27 Whilst thou for ev'r shalt endure,
they soon shall pass away ;
And like a Garment often worn,
shall tarnish and decay.

Like that, when thou ordain'st their Change,
to thy Command they bend ;
But thou continu'st still the same,
nor have thy Years an End.

18 Thou to the Children of thy Saints,
shalt lasting Quiet give ;
Whose happy Race, securely fixt,
shall in thy Presence live.

Psalms ciii.

1, 2 MY Soul, inspir'd with sacred Love,
God's Holy Name for ever bless ;
Of all his Favours mindful prove,
and still thy grateful Thanks express.
3, 4 'Tis he that all thy Sins forgives,
and after Sicknes makes thee sound ;
From Danger he thy Life retrieves,
by him with Grace and Mercy crown'd.

5 He with good Things my Mouth supplies
thy Vigour, Eagle-like, renewes ;
He, when the guiltless Suff'rer cries.
his Foe with just Revenge pursues.
God made of old his righteous Ways
to Moses and our Fathers known ;
His Works to his eternal Praise,
were to the Sons of Jacob shown.

The Lord abounds with tender Love,
and unexampled Acts of Grace ;
His weaken'd Wrath doth slowly move,
his willing Mercy flows apace.
To God will not always harshly chide,
but with his Anger quickly part ;
And loyes his Punishments to guide,
more by his Love than our Desert.

11 As high as Heav'n its Arch extends,
above this little Spot of Clay ;
So much his boundless Love transcends
the small Respects that we can pay.
12, 13 As far as 'tis from East to West,
so far he has our Sins remov'd ;
Who with a Father's tender Breast
has such as fear him always lov'd.

14, 15 For God, who all our Frame surveys,
considers that we are but Clay ;
How fresh soe'er we seem, our Days
like Grass or Flow'r's must fade away.
16, 17 Whilst they are nipt with sudden Blasts,
nor can we find their former place ;
God's faithful Mercy ever lasts.
to those that fear him, and their Race.

18 This shall attend on such as still
proceed in his appointed Way ;
And who not only know his Will,
but to it just Obedience pay.
19, 20 The Lord, the universal King,
in Heav'n has fixt his lofty Throne :
To him, ye Angels, praises sing,
in whose great Strength his Pow'r is shown.
21 Ye that his just Commands obey,
and hear and do his sacred Will ;
Ye Hosts of his, this Tribute pay,
who still what he ordains fulfil.
22 Let ev'ry Creature jointly bless
the mighty Lord ; and thou my Heart,
With grateful Joy thy Thanks express,
and in this Consort bear thy Part.

Psalm c iv.

1 Bless God, my Soul ; thou, Lord, alone,
possessest Empire without Bounds :
With Honour thou art crowned, thy Throne
eternal Majesty surrounds.
2 With Light thou dost thyself enrobe,
and Glory for a Garment take ;
Heaven's Curtain stretch beyond the Globe,
the Canopy of State to make.
. God builds on liquid Air, and forms
his Palace-Chambers in the Skies :

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The Clouds his Chariot are, and Storms
the Swift-wing'd Steeds with which he flies.

4 As bright as Flame, and swift as Wind,
his Ministers Heav'n's Palace fill,
To have their sundry Tasks assign'd ;
all proud to serve their Sov'reign's Will.

5, 6 Earth on her Cent'ry fix'd he set,
her Face with Waters overspread ;
Nor proudest Mountains dar'd as yet
to lift above the Waves their Head.

7 But when thy awful Face appear'd,
th' insulting Waves dispers'd ; they fled
When once thy Thunder's Voice they heard,
and by their Haste confess'd their Dread.

8 Thence up, by secret Tracts they creep,
and, gushing from the Mountain's Side,
Thro' Valley's travel to the Deep,
appointed to receive their Tide.

9 There hast thou fix'd the Ocean's Bounds,
the threat'ning Surges to repel :
That they no more o'erpass their Mounds,
nor to a second Deluge swell.

P A R T II.

10 Yet thence in smaller Parties drawn,
the Sea recovers her lost Hills ;
And starting Springs from ev'ry Lawn,
surprise the Vales with plenteous Rills.

11 The Field's tame Beasts are thither led,
weary with Labour, faint with Drought ;
And Asses on wild Mountains bred,
have Sense to find these Currents out.

12 There shady Trees, from scorching Beams,
yield Shelter to the feather'd Throng ;
They drink, and to the bounteous Streams,
return the Tribute of their Song.

13 His Rains from Heav'n parch'd Hills recruit,
that soon transmit the liquid Store ;
Till Earth is burthen'd with her Fruit,
and Nature's Lap can hold no more.

14 Grass for our Cattle to devour,
he makes the Growth of ev'ry Field :
Herbs for Man's Use, of various Pow'rs,
that either Food or Phyfick yield.

15 With cluster'd Grapes he crowns the Vine,
to cheer Man's Heart oppress'd with Cares,
Gives Oyl that makes his Face to shine,
and Corn, that wasted strength repairs.

P A R T III.

16 The Trees of God without the Care
or Art of Man, with Sap are fed:
the Mountain Cedar looks as fair
as those in Royal Gardens bred.

17 Safe in the lofty Cedars Arms
the Wand'lers of the Air may rest:
The hospitable Pine from Harms
protects the Stork, her pious Guest.

18 Wild Goats the craggy Rock ascend,
its tow'ring heighths their Fortress make,
Whose Cells in Labyrinths extend,
where feeble Creatures Refuge take.

19 The Moon's inconstant aspect shows
th' appointed Seasons of the Year:
Th' instructed Sun his Duty knows
his Hours to rise and disappear.

20, 21 Darkness he makes the Earth to shroud,
when Forest Beasts securely stray;
Young Lions roars their Wants aloud
to Providence, that sends them Prey.

22 They range all Night on Slaughter bent,
till summon'd by the rising Morn,
To sculk in Dens, with one Consent,
the conscious Ravagers return.

23 Forth to the Tillage of his Soil,
the Husbandman securely goes,
Commencing with the Sun his Toil,
with him returns to his Repose.

24 How various, Lord, thy Works are found,
for which thy Wisdom we adore!
The Earth is with thy Treasure crown'd,
till Nature's Hand can grasp no more.

P A R T IV.

25 But still, the vast unfathom'd Main
of Wonders a new Scene supplies,
Whose Depths Inhabitants contain
of ev'ry Form and ev'ry Size.

25 Full-freighted Ships from ev'ry Port,
there cut their un molest'd Way;

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Leviathan, whom there to sport
 thou mad'st, has Compell'd these to play.

27 These various Troops of Sea and Land,
 in Sense of common Want agree ;
 All wait on thy dispensing Hand,
 and have their daily Alms from thee.

28 They gather what thy Stores disperse,
 without their Trouble to provide ;
 Thou op'st thy Hand, the Universe,
 the craving World is all supply'd.

29 Thou for a Moment hid'st thy Face,
 the num'rous ranks of Creatures mourn :
 Thou tak'st their Breath, all Nature's Race
 forthwith to Mother-Earth return.

30 Again thou sent'st thy Spirit forth,
 t' inspire the Mass with vital Seed ;
 Nature's restor'd, and Parent-Earth
 smiles on her new created Breed.

31 Thus thro' successive Ages stands
 firm fix thy providental Care ;
 Pleas'd with the Work of thine own Hands,
 thou dost the wastes of Time repair.

32 One Look of thine, one wrathful Look,
 Earth's panting Breast with Terror fills ;
 One Touch from thee with Clouds of Smoke
 in Darkness shrouds the proudest Hills.

33 In praising God while he prolongs
 my Breath, I will that Breath employ ;

34 And join Devotion to my Songs,
 sincere, as is in him my joy.

35 While Sinners from Earth's Face are hurl'd,
 my Soul, praise thou his Holy Name,
 Till with thy Song, the list'ning World
 join Confort, and his Praise proclaim.

Psalm ev.

0 Render Thanks, and bless the Lord,
 invoke his sacred Name ;
 Acquaint the Nations with his Deeds,
 his matchless Deeds proclaim.

Sing to his Praise in lofty Hymns,
 his wond'rous Works rehearse ;
 Make them the Theme of your Discourse,
 and Subject of your Verse.

3 Rejoice in his Almighty Name
alone to be ador'd ;
And, let their Heart o'erflow with Joy,
that humbly seek the Lord.

4 Seek ye the Lord his saving Strength
devoutly still implore ;
And, where he's ever present, seek
his Face for evermore.

5 The Wonders that his Hands have wrought,
keep thankfully in Mind ;
The righteous Statutes of his Mouth,
and Laws to us assign'd.

6 Know ye his Servant Abraham's Seed,
and Jacob's chosen Race,

7 He's still our God, his Judgments still
throughout the Earth take place.

8 His Cov'nant he has kept in Mind
for num'rous Ages past ;
Which yet, for thousand Ages more,
in equal Force shall last.

9 First sign'd to Abram, next by Oath
to Isaac made secure ;

10 To Jacob and his Heirs a Law,
for ever to endure.

11 That Canaan's Land should be their Lot,
when yet but few they were ;

12 But few in Number and those few
all friendless Strangers there.

13 In Pilgrimage from Realm to Realm,
securely they remov'd ;

14 Whilst proudest Monarchs for their sakes,
severely he reprov'd :

15 " These mine anointed are, said he,
" let none my Servants wrong,
" Nor treat the poorest Prophet ill,
" that does to me belong.

16 A Dearth at last by his Command,
did through the Land prevail ;
Till Corn, the chief Support of Life,
sustaining Corn did fail.

17 But his indulgent Providence
had pious Joseph sent,
Sold into Egypt but their Death
who sold him to prevent.

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18 His Feet with heavy Chains were crush'd,
with Calumny his Fame:

19 Till God's appointed Time and Word
to his Deliv'rance came.

20 The King his sov'reign Orders sent,
and rescu'd him with speed :
Whom private Malice had confin'd,
the People's Ruler freed.

21 His Court Revenues, Realm, were all
subjected to his Will ;

22 His greatest Princes to controul,
and teach his Statesmen Skill.

P A R T II.

23 To Egypt then invited Guests,
half-famish'd Israel came :
And Jacob held by Royal G ant,
the fertile Soil of Ham.

24 Th' Almighty there with such Increase
his People multiply'd ;
Till, with their p'oud Oppressors they
in Strength and Number vy d.

25 Their vast Increase the Egyptian's Hearts
with jealous Anger fir'd,
Till they his Servants to destroy,
by treach'rous Arts conspir'd.

26 His Servant Moses then he sent,
his chosen Aaron too ;

27 Empower'd with Signs and Miracles
to prove their Mission true.

28 He call'd for Darkness, Darkness came ;
Nature his Summons knew ;

29 Each Stream and Lake transfigur'd to Blood,
the wond'ring Fisher flew

30 In putrid Floods, throughout the Land
the Pest of Frogs was bred ;
From noisome Fens sent up to croak
at Pharaoh's Board and Bed.

31 He gave the Sigh, and Swarms of Flies
came down in cloudy Hosts :
Whilst Earth's enliv'n'd Dust below
bred Lice thro' all their Coasts.

32 He sent them batt'ring Hail for Rain,
and Fire for cooling Dew.

33 He smote their Vines and Forest Plants,
and Garden's Pride o'erthrew.

34 He spake the Word, and Locusts came,
with Caterpillars join'd :
They prey'd upon the poor Remains
the Storm had left behind.

35 From Trees to Herbage they descend,
no verdant Thing they spare :
But like the naked fallow Field,
leave all the Pastures bare.

36 From Fields to Villages and Towns,
commission'd Vengeance flew ;
One fatal Stroke their eldest Hopes
and Strength of Egypt flew !

37 He brought his Servants forth, enrich'd
with Egypt's borrow'd Wealth ;
And, what transcends all Treasure else,
enrich'd with vigorous Health.

38 Egypt rejoic'd. in hopes to find
her Plagues with them remov'd :
Taught dearly now to fear worse Ills
by those already prov'd.

39 Their shrouding Canopy by Day,
a journeying Cloud was spread ;
A fiery Pillar all the Night
their Desert Marches led.

40 They long'd for Flesh, with Ev'ning Quails
he furnish'd ev'ry Tent ;
From Heav'n's own Granary, each Morn,
the Bread of Angels sent.

41 He smote the Rock, whose stony Breast
pour'd forth a gushing Tide (march'd
Whose flowing Stream, where-e'er they
the Desert's Drought supply'd.

42 For still he did on Abraham's Faith,
and ancient League reflect ;

43 He brought his People forth with Joy,
with Triumph his Elect.

44 Quite rooting out their Heathen Foes,
from Canaan's fertile Soil,
To them in Cheap Possession gave
the Fruit of others Toil.

45 That they his Statutes might observe,
his sacred Laws obey.

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For Benefits so fast let us
our Songs of Praise repay.

Psalm cvi.

- 1 O Render Thanks to God above,
The Fountain of eternal Love :
Whose Mercy firm through Ages past
Has stood, and shall for ever last.
- 2 Who can his mighty Deeds express,
Not only vast, but numberless ?
What mortal Eloquence can raise
His Tribute of immortal Praise ?
- 3 Happy are they, and only they
Who from thy Judgments never stray,
Who know what's right, not only so,
But always practice what they know.
- 4 Extend to me that Favour, Lord,
Thou to thy chosen dost afford ;
When thou return'st to set them free,
Let thy Salvation visit me.
- 5 O may I worthy prove, to see
Thy Saints in full Prosperity !
That I the joyful Choir may join,
And count thy People's Triumph mine.
- 6 But ah ! can we expect such Grace !
Of Parents vile, the viler Race ;
Who their Misdeeds have acted o'er,
And with new Crimes increas'd their Score ?
- 7 Ingrateful, they no longer thought
On all his Works in Egypt wrought ;
The Red-Sea they no sooner view'd,
But they their base Distrust renew'd.
- 8 Yet he, to vindicate his Name,
Once more to their Deliv'rance came ;
To make his Sov'reign Pow'r be known,
That he is God, and he alone.
- 9 To Right and Left, at his Command,
The parting Deep disclos'd her Sand ;
Where firm and dry the Passage lay,
As thro' some patch'd and deart Way.
- 10 Thus rescu'd from their Foes they were,
Who closely press'd upon their Rear ;
- 11 Whose Rage pursu'd 'em to those Waves,
That prov'd the Rash Pursuers Graves.

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22 The watry Mountain's sudden fall
 O'erwhelm'd proud Pharaoh, Host and all;
 This Proof did stupid Israel move
 To own God's Truth, and praise his Love.

P A R T II.

23 But soon these Wonders they forgot,
 And for his Counsel waited not:

24 But lusting in the Wilderness,
 Did him with fresh Temptations press.
 25 Strong Food at their Request he sent,
 But made their Sin their Punishment.

26 Yet still his Saints they did oppose,
 The Priest and Prophet whom he chose,

27 But Earth, the Quarrel to decide,
 Her vengeful Jaws extending wide,
 Rash Dathan to her Center drew.
 With proud Abiram's factious Crew.

28 The rest of those who did conspire
 To kindle wild Sedition's Fire,
 With all their impious Train, became
 A Prey to Heaven's devouring Flame.

29 Near Horeb's Mount a Galf they made,
 And to their molten Image pray'd;

30 Adoring what their Hands did frame,
 They chang'd their Glory to their Shame.

31 Their God and Saviour they forgot
 And all his Works in Egypt wrought:

32 His Signs in Ham's astonish'd Coast,
 And where proud Pharaoh's Troops were lost.

33 Thus urg'd, his vengeful Hand he rear'd,
 But Moses in the Beach appear'd;
 The Saint did for the Rebels pray.
 And turn'd a Heav'n's kindled Wrath away.

34 Yet they his pleasant Land despis'd,
 Nor his repeated Promise fiz'd;

35 Nor did th' Almighty's Voice obey.
 But when God said go up, would stay.

36, 37 This seal'd their Doom without Redress,
 To perish in the Wilderness:
 Or else to be by Heathens Hands
 O'erthrown, and scatter'd thru' the Lands.

P A. R. T III.

38 Yet unreclaim'd, this stubborn Race,
 Baal's-Peur & Worship did embrace:

Became

Became his impious Guests, and fed
On Sacrifices to the Dead.

9. Thus they perfisted to provoke
God's Vengeance to the final Stroke :
'Tis come : ---- the deadly Pest is come,
To execute their general Doom.

30. But Phineas, fir'd with Holy Rage,
(The Almighty's Vengeance to avenge)
Did, by two bold Offenders fall,
Th' Atonement make that ransom'd all.

31. As him a heav'nly Zeal had mov'd ;
So Heav'n the zealous Act approv'd ;
To him confirming, and his Race,
The Priesthood he so well did grace.

32. At Meribah God's Wrath they mov'd,
Who Moses for their sakes reprov'd ;

33. Whose patient Soul they did provoke,
Till rashly the meek Prophet spoke.

34. Nor when possest'd of Canaan's Land,
Did they perform the Lord's Command,
Nor his commission'd Sword employ,
The guilty Nations to destroy.

35. Nor only spar'd the Pagan Crew,
But, mingling learnt their Vices too ;

36. And Worship to those Idols paid,
Which them to fatal Snares betray'd.

37, 38. To Devils they did Sacrifice,
Their Children with relentless Eyes,
Approach their Altars thro' a Flood
Of their own Sons and Daughter's Blood.

No cheaper Victims wou'd appease
Canaan's remorseless Deities :
No Blood her Idols reconcile,
But that which did the Land defile.

P A R T IV.

39. Nor did these savage Cruelties
The harden'd Reprobates suffice :
For after their Heart's Lust they went,
And daily did new Crimes invent.

40. But Sins of such infernal hue
God's Wrath against his People drew,
Till he, their once indulgent Lord,
His own Inheritance abhor'd.

41 He them defenceless did expose
 To their insulting Heathen Foes ;
 And made them on the Triumphs wait,
 Of those who bore them greatest Hate.

42 Nor thus his Indignation ceas'd,
 Their List of Tyrants he increas'd,
 Till they, who God's mild Sway declin'd,
 Were made the Vassals of Mankind.

43 Yet when distress'd they did repent,
 His Anger did as oft relent :
 But freed, they did his Wrath provoke,
 Renew their Sins, and he their Yoke.

44 Nor yet implacable he prov'd,
 Nor heard their wretched Crimes unmov'd ;

45 But did to Mind his Promise bring,
 And Mercy's inexhausted Spring.

46 Compassion too he did impart.
 Ev'n to their Foes obdurate Heart,
 And Pity for their Suff'ring bled
 In those who them to Bondage led.

47 Still save us, Lord, and Israel's Bands
 Together bring from Heathen Lands ;
 So to thy Name our Thanks we'll raise,
 And ever Triumph in thy Praise.

48 Let Israel's God be ever bless'd,
 His Name eternally confess'd ;
 Let all his Saints with full Accord,
 Sing loud Amens----Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm cvii.

1 TO God your grateful Voices raise,
 who does your daily Patron prove :
 And let your never-ceasing Praise
 attend on his eternal Love.

2, 3 Let those give Thanks, whom he from Bands
 of proud oppressing Foes releas'd ;
 And brought them back from distant Lands,
 from North and South, and West and East,

4, 5 Thro' lonely desert Ways they went,
 nor could a peopled City find :
 Till quite with Thirst and Hunger spent,
 their fainting Souls within them pin'd.

6 Then soon to God's indulgent Ear
 did they their mournful Cry addres : Who

Who graciously vouchsaf'd to hear,
and freed them from their deep Distress.

7 From crooked Paths he led them forth,
and in the certain Way did guide,
To wealthy Towns of great Resort,
where all their Wants were well supply'd.
8 O then that all the Earth with me
would God for this his Goodness Praise !
And for the mighty Works which he
thro'out the wond'ring World displays.

9 For he from Heav'n the sad Estate
of longings Souls with Pity views ;
To hungry Souls that pant for Meat,
his Goodness daily Food renewes.

P A R T II.

10 Some lie with Darkness compass'd round,
in Death's uncomfortable Shade ;
And with unwieldy Fetter bound,
by pressing Cares more heavy made :

11, 12 Because God's Counsel they defy'd,
and lightly priz'd his Holy Word :
With these Afflictions they were try'd,
they fell, and none could help afford :
13 Then soon to God's indulgent Ear,
did they their mournful Cry address ;
Who graciously vouchsaf'd to hear.
and freed them from their deep Distress.

14 From dismal Dungeons, dark as Night,
and Shades as black as Death's abode :
He brought them forth to cheerful Light,
and welcome Liberty bestow'd.

15 O then that all the Earth with me
would God for this his Goodness praise !
And for the mighty Works, which he
thro'out the wond'ring World displays.

16 For he with his Almighty Hand
The Gates of Brass in Pieces broke ;
Nor could the massy Bars withstand,
or temper'd Steel resist his Stroke.

P A R T III.

17 Remorseless Wretches, void of Sense,
with bold Transgressions God defy ;

And

And, for their multiply'd Offence,
oppress'd with sore Diseases lie:

18 Their Soul, a Prey to Pain and Fear,
abhors to taste the choicest Meats;

And they by faint Degrees draw near
to Death's inhospitable Gates.

19 Then strait to God's indulgent Ear
do they their mournful Cry address;
Who graciously vouchsafes to hear
and frees them from their deep Distress.

20 He all their sad Distempers heals,
his Word both Health and Safety gives;
And when all human Succour fails,
from near Destruction them retrieves

21 O then that all the Earth, with me,
would God for this his Goodness praise!
And for the mighty Works which he
throughout the wond'ring World displays!

22 With Off'rings let his Altar flame,
whilst they their grateful Thanks express!
And with loud Joy his Holy Name
for all his Acts of Wonder bless.

P A R T IV.

23, 24 They that in Ships with Courage bold,
o'er swelling Waves their Trade pursue;
Do God's amazing Work behold,
and in the Deed his Wonders view.

25 No sooner his Command is past,
but forth a dreadful Tempest flies,
Which sweeps the Sea with rapid haste,
and makes the stormy Billows rise:

26 Som-times the Ships, toss'd up to Heav'n,
on Tops of mounting Waves appear;
Then down the steep abyss are driven,
whilst every Soul dissolves with Fear.

27 They reel and stagger to and fro,
like Men with Fumes of Wine oppress'd;
Nor do the skilful Seamen know,
which Way to steer, what Course is best.

28 Then straight to God's indulgent Ear
they do their mournful Cry address;

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Who graciously vouchsafes to hear,
and frees them from their deep Distress.

39, 40 He does the raging Storm appease,
and makes the Billows calm and still ;
With Joy they see their Fury cease,
and their intended Course fulfil.

41 O then, that all the Earth with me,
would God for this his Goodness praise !
And for the mighty Works, which he
throughout the wond'ring World displays.

42 Let them, where all the Tribes resort,
advance to Heav'n his glorious Name :
And in the Elder's Sov'reign Court,
with one Consent his Praise proclaim !

P A R T V .

43, 44 A fruitful Land, where Streams abound ;
God's just Revenge if People sin,
Will turn to dry and barren Ground,
to punish those that dwell therein.

45, 46 The parch'd and desert Heath he makes,
to flow with Streams and springing Wells ;
Which for his Lot the Hungry takes,
and in strong Cities safely dwells.

47, 48 He sows the Field, the Vineyard plants,
which gratefully his Toil repay ;
Nor can, whilst God his Blessing grants,
his fruitful Seed or Stock decay.

49 But when his Sins Heav'n's Wrath provoke,
his Health and Substance fade away ;
He feels the Oppressor's gauling Yoke,
and is of Grief the wretched Prey.

50 The Prince that flings what God commands,
expos'd to Scorn, must quit his Throne,
And over wild and desert Lands,
where no Path offers, stray alone..

51 Whilst God, from all afflicting Cares,
sets up the humble Man on high ;
And makes in Time his num'rous Heirs
with his increasing Flocks to vie.

52, 53 Then Sinners shall have nought to say,
the Just a decent Joy shall show ;

The

The Wise these strange Events shall weigh,
and thence God's Goodness fully know.

Psalm cviii.

- 1 O God, my Heart is fully bent,
to magnify thy Name,
My Tongue with cheerful Songs of Praise,
shall celebrate thy Fame.
- 2 Awake, my Lute, nor thou my Harp,
thy warbling Notes delay ;
Whilst I, with early Hymns of Joy,
prevent the dawning Day.
- 3 To all the list'ning Tribes, O Lord,
thy Wonders I will tell ;
And to these Nations sing thy Praise
that round about us dwell :
- 4 Because thy Mercy's boundless Height
the highest Heav'n transcends :
And far beyond the aspiring Clouds
thy faithful Truth extends.
- 5 Be thou, O God, exalted high
above the starry Frame ;
And let the World with one Consent,
confess thy glorious Name.
- 6 That all thy chosen People thee
their Saviour may declare,
Let thy Right-hand protect me still,
and answer thou my Pray'r.
- 7 Since God himself has said the Word,
whose Promise cannot fail ;
With Joy I Sechem shall divide,
and Measure Succoth's Vale.
- 8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh too,
and Ephraim owns my Cause :
Their Strength my regal Pow'r supports,
and Judah gives my Laws.
- 9 Moab I'll make my servile Drudge,
on vanquish'd Edom tread ;
And thro' the proud Philistine Lands,
my conq'ring Banners spread.
- 10 By whose Support and Aid shall I
their well-fenc'd City gain ?
Who will my Troops securely lead
thro' Edom's guarded Plain ?

11 Lord

11 Lord, wilt thou not assist our Arms,
which late thou didst forsake?
And wilt not thou, of these our Hosts
once more the Guidance take?
12 O to thy Servants in Distress
thy speedy Succour send:
For vain it is on human Aid
for Safety to depend.
13 Then valiant Acts shall we perform,
if thou thy Pow'r disclose;
For God it is, and God alone,
that treads down all our Foes.

Psalm cix.

1 O God, whose former Mercies make
my constant Praise thy due;
Hold not thy Peace, but my sad State
with wonted Favour view.
2 For sinful Men, with lying Lips,
deceitful Speeches frame,
And with their study'd Slanders seek
to wound my spotless Fame.
3 Their restless Hatred prompts them still
malicious Lies to spread;
And all against my Life combine,
by causeless Fury led.
4 Those whom with tend'rest Love I us'd,
my chief Opposers are;
Whilst I, of other Friends bereft,
resort to thee by Pray'r.
5 Since Mischief for the Good I did,
their strange Reward does prove;
And Hatred's the Return they make,
for undimmed Love.
6 Their guilty Leader shall be made
to some ill Man a Slave;
And when he's try'd his mortal Foe
for his Accuser have.
7 His Guilt, when sentence is pronounced,
shall meet a dreadful Fate;
Whilst his rejected Pray'r but serves
his Crimes to aggravate.
8 He, snatch'd by some untimely Fate,
shan't live out half his Days:

Another

Another, by Divine Decree,
shall on his Office seize.

9, 10 His Seed shall Orphans be, his Wife
a Widow plung'd in Grief ;
His vagrant Children beg their Bread,
where none can give Relief.

11 His ill-got Riches shall be made
to Usurers a Prey ;
The Fruit of all his Toil shall be
by Strangers born away.

12 None shall be found that to his Wants
their Mercy will extend,
Or to his helpless Orphan Seed
the least Assistance lend.

13 A swift Destruction soon shall seize
on his unhappy Race ;
And the next Age his hated Name
shall utterly deface.

14 The Vengeance of his Father's Sins
upon his Head shall fall ;
God on his Mother's Crimes shall think,
and punish him for all.

15 All these, in horrid Order rank'd
before the Lord shall stand ;
Till his fierce Anger quite cuts off
their Mem'ry from the Land.

P A R T II.

16 Because he never Mercy shew'd,
but still the Poor oppress'd ;
And sought to flay the helpless Man,
with heavy Woes distract'd.

17 Therefore the Curse he lov'd to went,
shall his own Portion prove ;
And Blessing, which he still abhors'd,
shall far from him remove.

18 Since he in cursing took such Pride,
like Water it shall spread
Thro' all his Veins, and stick like Oil,
with which his Bones are fed.

19 This, like a poison'd Robe, shall still
his constant cov'ring be,
Or an envenom'd Belt, from which
he never shall be free.

10 Thus

20 Thus shall the Lord reward all those,
that ill to me design ;
That with malicious false Reports,
against my Life combine.

21 But for thy glorious Name, O God,
do thou deliver me ;
And for thy gracious Mercy's sake
preserve and let me see.

22 For I, to utmost Straits reduc'd,
am void of all Relief ;
My Heart is wounded with Distress,
and quite pierced thro' with Grief.

23 I, like an Evening Shade, decline,
which vanishes apace ;
Like Locust up and down I'm tost,
and have no certain Place.

24, 25 My Knees with fasting are grown weak,
my Body lank and Lean ;
All that behold me shake their Heads,
and treat me with Disdain.

16, 27 But for thy Mercy's sake, O Lord,
do thou my Foes withstand ;
That all may see 'tis thine own Act,
the Work of thy Right-hand.

26 Then let them curse, so thou but bless,
let Shame the Portion be
Of all that my Destruction seek,
while I rejoice in thee

19 My Foe shall with Disgrace be cloath'd,
and spite of all his Pride,
His own Confusion like a Cloak,
the guilty Wretch shall hide.

20 But I to God in grateful Thanks,
my cheerful Voice will raise ;
And where the great Assembly meets,
set forth his noble Praise.

21 For him the poor shall always find,
their sure and constant Friend ;
And he shall from unrighteous Dooms,
their guiltless Souls defend.

Psalm cx.

THE Lord unto my Lord thus said :
" Till I thy Foes thy Foot-stool make,
" Sit

1 " Sit thou in State at my Right-hand ;
 2 " Supreme in Sion thou shalt be,
 " and all thy proud Opposers see
 " Subjected to thy just Command.

3 " Thee, in thy Pow'rs triumphant Day,
 " The willing Nations shall obey,
 " And when thy rising Beams they view,
 " Shall all (redem'd from Error's Night)
 " Appear as numberless and bright
 " As Crystal Drops of Morning Dew.

4 The Lord has sworn, not sworn in vain,
 That like Melchizedek's, thy Reign
 And Priesthood shall no Period know :

5 No proud Competitor to sit
 At thy Right-hand will be permit;
 But in his Wrath crown'd Heads o'erthrew.

6 The sentenc'd Heathen he shall slay,
 And fill with Carcasses his way
 Till he has struck Earth's Tyrant dead.

7 But in the Highway Brook shall first,
 Like a poor Pilgrim slake his Thirst,
 And then in Triumph raise his Head.

Psalm cxi.

1 Praise ye the Lord, our God to Praise
 My Soul her utmost Pow'r shall raise,
 With private Friends, and in the Throng
 Of Saints his Praise shall be my Song.

2 His Works, for Greatness, tho' renown'd,
 His wond'rous Works with Ease are found
 By those who seek for them aright,
 And in the pious Search delight.

3 His Works are all of matchless Fame,
 And universal Glory claim ;
 His Truth confirm'd thro' Ages past,
 Shall to eternal Ages last.

4 By Precept he has us enjoin'd.
 To keep his wond'rous Works in mind,
 And to Posterity record,
 That good and gracious is our Lord.

5 His Bounty like a flowing Tide,
 Has all his Servants Wants supply'd ;
 And he will ever keep in Mind
 His Cov'nant with our Fathers sign'd.

6 At once astonish'd and o'erjoy'd,
They saw his matchless Pow'r employ'd :
Whereby the Heathen were suppress'd,
And we their Heritage possest'd.

7 Just are the Dealings of his Hands,
Immut'ble are his Commands :

8 By Truth and Equity sustain'd,
And for eternal Rules ordain'd.

9 He set his Saints from Bondage free,
And then establish'd his Decree,
For ever to remain the same ;
Holy and Rev'rend is his Name.

11 Who Wisdom's sacred Prize would win,
Must with the Fear of God begin :
Immortal Praise, and heav'nly Skill
Have they who know and do his Will.

Psalm exii.

H A L L E L U J A H .

1 That Man is blest who stands in Awe
Of God, and loves his sacred Law :
2 His Seed on Earth shall be renown'd,
And with successive Honours crown'd.
3 His House, the Seat of Wealth shall be,
An inexhausted Treasury :
His Justice free from all Decay,
Shall Blessings to his Heirs convey.

4 The Soul that fill'd with Virtue's Light,
Shines brightest in Affliction's Night ;
To Pity the Distress'd inclin'd,
As well as just to all Mankind.
5 His lib'ral Favours he extends,
To some he gives, to others lends ;
Yet what his Charity impairs,
He saves by Prudence in Affairs.

6 Beset with threat'ning Dangers round,
Unmov'd shall he maintain his Ground ;
The sweet Remembrance of the Just,
Shall flourish when he sleeps in Dust.

7 Ill Tidings never can surprize
His Heart that fix'd on God relies :
8 On Safety's Rock he sits, and sees
The Shipwreck of his Enemies.

9 His

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9 His Hands, while they his Alms bestow'd,
 His Glory's future Harvest sow'd ;
 Whence he shall reap Wealth, Fame, Renown
 A temporal and eternal Crown.

10 The Wicked shall his Triumph see,
 And gnash their Teeth in Agony :
 While their unrighteous Hopes decay,
 And vanish, with themselves, away.

P s a l m c x i i i .

1 Y E Saints and Servants of the Lord,
 The Triumphs of his Name record,

2 His sacred Name for ever bless.

3 Where-e'er the circling Sun displays,
 His rising Beams or setting Rays
 Due Praise to his great Name address.

4 God thro' the World extends his Sway,
 The Regions of eternal Day
 But Shadows of his Glory are.

5 To him, whose Majesty's excels,
 Who made the Heav'n in which he dwells,
 Let no created Pow'r compare.

6 Tho' 'tis beneath his State to view
 In highest Heav'n what Angels do,
 Yet he to Earth vouchsafes his Care ;
 He takes the Needy from his Cell,
 Advancing him in Courts to dwell,
 Companion to the greatest there.

7 When childless Families despair,
 He sends the Blessing of an Heir,
 To rescue their expiring Name ;
 Makes her that barren was to bear,
 And joyfully her Fruit to rear :
 O then extol his matchless Fame !

P s a l m c x i v .

1 W HEN Isr'el, by the Almighty led,
 (enrich'd with their Oppressor's Spoil)
 From Egypt march'd, and Jacob's Seed
 From Bondage in a foreign Soil.

2 Jehovah for his Residence,
 chose out Imperial Judah's Tent,
 His Mansion Royal and from thence
 thro' Isr'el's Camp his Orders sent.

3 The

3 The distant Sea with Terror saw,
and from th' Almighty's Presence fled :
Old Jordan's Streams, surpriz'd with awe,
retreated to their Fountain's Head :

4 The taller Mountains skipp'd like Rams,
when Danger near the Fold they hear ;
The Hills skipp'd after them like Lambs,
affrighted by their Leader's Fear.

5 O Sea, what made your Tide withdraw
and naked leave your ouzy Bed ?
Why Jordan against Nature's Law,
recoil st thou to thy Fountain's Head ?

6 Why Mountains did ye skip like Rams ?
when Danger does approach the Fold ?
Why after you the Hills like Lambs
when they their Leaders Flight behold ?

7 Earth tremble on ; well may'st thou fear
thy Lord and Maker's Face to see,
When Jacob's awful God draws near ;
'tis Time for Earth and Sea to flee.

8 To flee from God, who Nature's Law
confirms and cancels at his Will ;
Whose Springs from flinty Rocks can draw,
and thirsty Vales with Water fill.

Psalm cxv.

1 LORD, not to us, we claim no Share,
but to thy sacred Name
Give Glory for thy Mercy's Sake,
and Truth's eternal Fame.

2 Why should the Heathen cry, where's now
the God whom we adoré ?

3 Convince them that in Heav'n thou art,
and uncontrold thy Pow'r.

4 Their Gods but Gold and Silver are
the Works of mortal Hands ;

5 With speechless Mouth, and sightless Eyes
the molten Idol stands

6 The Pageant thing hath both Ears and Nose,
but neither hears nor smells,

7 Its Hands and Feet nor feel, nor move,
no Life within it dwells.

8 Such senseless Stocks they are that we
can nothing like them find ;

But

But those who on their Help rely,
and them for God's design'd.

9 O Isr'el, make the Lord your Trust,
who is your Help and Shield ;
10 Priests, Levites, trust in him alone
who only Help can yield.

11 Let all who truly Fear the Lord,
on him they fear, rely ;
Who them in Danger can defend,
and all their Wants supply.

12, 13 Of us he oft has mindful been,
and Isr'el's House will bless,
Priests, Levites, Proselytes, ev'n all
who his great Name confess.

14 On you, and on your Heirs, he will
increase of Blessings bring :

15 Thrice happy you who Fav'rites are
of this Almighty King.

16 Heav'n highest Orb of Glory, he
his Empire's Seat design'd :
And gave this lower Globe of Earth
a Portion to Mankind.

17 They who in Death and Silence sleep,
to him no Praise afford :

18 But we will bless for evermore
our ever-living Lord.

Psalm cxvi.

1 MY Soul with grateful Thoughts of Love
entirely is possess'd ;
Because the Lord vouchsaf't to hear
the Voice of my Request.

2 Since he has now his Ear inclin'd,
I never will despair ;
But still in all the Straits of Life
to him address my Pray'r.

3 With deadly Sorrows compass'd round,
with Pains of Hell oppress'd ;
When troubles seiz'd my aking Heart,
and Anguish rack'd my Breast.

4 On God's Almighty Name I call'd,
and thus to him I pray'd ;
" Lord, I beseech thee save my Soul,
with Sorrows quite dismay'd.

5, 6 How

5, 6 How just and merciful is God,
how gracious is the Lord!
Who saves the harmless and to me
does timely Help afford.

7 Then, free from pensive Cares, my Soul,
resume thy wonted Rest ;
For God has wond'rously to thee
his bounteous Love express'd.

8 When Death alarm'd me, he remov'd
my Dangers and my Feats ;
My Feet from falling he secur'd,
and dry'd my Eyes from Tears.

9 Therefore my Life's remaining Years
which God to me shall lend,
Will I in Praises to his Name,
and in his Service spend.

10, 11 In God I trusted, and of him,
in greatest Straits did boast ;
For in my Flight all hopes of Aid
from faithless Men were lost.

11, 12 Then what Return to him shall I
for all his Goodness make ?
I'll praise his Name, and with glad Zeal
the Cup of Blessing take.

14, 15 I'll pay my Vows amongst his Saints
Whose Blood (howe'er despis'd
By wicked Men) in God's Account
is always highly priz'd :

16 By various Ties, O Lord, must I,
to thy Dominion bow ;
Thy humble Handmaid's Son before,
thy ransom'd Captive now.

17, 18 To thee I'll Off'rings bring of Praise,
and whilst I bless thy Name ;
The just Performance of my Vows
to all thy Saints proclaim.

19 They in Jerusalem shall meet,
and in thy House shall join,
To bless thy Name with one Consent,
and mix their Songs with mine.

Psalm cxvii.

WITH cheerful Notes let all the Earth
to Heaven their Voices raise,

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Let all, inspir'd with godly Mirth,
sing solemn Hymns of Praise.
2 God's tender Mercy knows no Bound,
his Truth shal ne'er decay :
Then let the willing Nations round,
their grateful Tribute pay.

Psalm cxviii.

1, 2 O Praise the Lord, for he is good,
his Mercies ne'er decay :
That his kind Favours ever last,
let thankful Is'r'l say.

3, 4 Their Sense of his eternal Love
let Aaron's House express ;
And that it never fails, let all
that fear the Lord confess.

5 To God I made my humble Moan,
with Troubles quite opprest ;
And he releas'd me from my Straits,
and granted my Request.

6 Since therefore God does on my Side
so graciously appear,
Why should the vain Attempts of Men
possess my Soul with Fear ?

7 Since God with those that aid my Cause
vouchsafes my Part to take ;
To all my Foes I need not doubt
a just Return to make.

8, 9 For better 'tis to trust in God,
and have the Lord our Friend,
Than on the greatest human Pow'r
for safety to depend.

10, 11 Tho' many Nations closely leagu'd,
did oft beset me round :
Yet, by his boundless Pow'r sustain'd,
I did their Strength confound.

12 They swarm'd like Bees, and yet their Rage
was but a short-liv'd Blaze :
For whilst on God I still rely'd,
I vanquish'd them with Ease.

13 When all unir'd press'd me hard,
in hopes to make me fall,
The Lord vouchsaf'd to take my part,
and sav'd me from them all.

1; The Honour of my strange escape
to him alone belongs :
He is my Saviour and my Strength,
he only claims my Songs.

2; Joy fills the Dwelling of the Just,
whom God has sav'd from harm ;
For wondrous Things are brought to pass,
by his Almighty Arm.

3; 6 He, by his own resistless Power,
has endless Honour won :
The saving Strength of his Right-hand
amazing Works has done.

7 God will not suffer me to fall,
but still prolongs my Days,
That by declaring all his Works,
I may advance his Praise.

8 When God had sorely me chastis'd,
till quite of hopes bereav'd,
His Mercy from the Gates of Death
my fainting Life reprise'd.

9 Then open wide the Temple Gates,
to which the Just prepair,
That I may enter in, and praise
my great Deliv'rer there,

10, 11 Within those Gates of God's Abode
to which the Righteous press,
Since thou hast heard and set me safe,
thy Holy Name I'll bless.

12, 13 That, which the Builders once refus'd,
is now the Corner Stone ;
This is the wondrous Work of God,
the Work of God alone.

14, 15 This Day is God's, let all the Land
exalt their cheerful Voice :
Lord, we beseech thee, save us now,
and make us still rejoice.

Him, that approaches in God's Name,
let all the Assembly bless ;
" We that belong to God's own House
" have wish'd you good Success.
God is the Lord, thro' whom we all
both Light and Comfort find,

Fast to the Altar's Horn, with Cords,
the chosen victim bind.

28 Thou art my Lord, O God, and still
I'll praise thy Holy Name;
Because thou only art my God,
I'll celebrate thy Fame.
29 O then, with me, give Thanks to God,
who still does gracious prove;
And let the Tribute of our Praise
be endless as our Love.

Psalm cxix.

ALEPH.

1 HOW blest are they, who always keep
the pure and perfect Way!
Who never from the sacred Paths
of God's Commandments stray!
2 Thrice blest! who to his righteous Laws
have still obedient been,
And have with fervent humble Zeal
his Favours sought to win!
3 Such Men their utmost Caution use
to shun each wicked Deed,
But in the Path which he directs
with constant Care proceed.
4 Thou strictly hast enjoin'd us, Lord,
to learn thy sacred Will;
And all our Diligence employ
thy Statutes to fulfil.
5 Oh! then that thy most holy Will
might o'er my Ways preside,
And I the Course of all my Life
by thy Direction guide.
6 Then wish Assurance should I walk,
from all Confusion free,
Convinc'd with Joy, that all my Ways
with thy Commands agree.
7 My upright Heart shall my glad Mouth
with cheerful Praises fill;
When by thy righteous Judgments taught,
I shall have learnt by Will.
8 So to thy sacred Laws shall I
all due Observance pay,

O! then

O! then forsake me not, my God,
nor cast me quite away.

B E T H.

9 How shall the Young preserve their Ways,
from all Pollution free?

By making still their Course of Life
with thy Commands agree.

10 With hearty Zeal for thee I seek,
to thee for Succour pray;

O! suffer not my careless Steps
from thy right Paths to stray.

11 Safe in my Heart, and closely hid,
thy Word, my Treasure, lies;
To succour me with timely Aid,
when sinful Passions arise,

12 Secur'd by that my grateful Soul
shall ever bless thy Name!

O! teach me then by thy just Laws,
my future Life to frame.

13 My Lips, unlock'd with pious Zeal,
to others have declar'd,
How well the Judgments of thy Mouth
deserve our best Regard.

14 Whilst in the Way of thy Commands,
more solid Joy I found,
Than had I been with vast Increase
of envy'd Riches crown'd.

15 Therefore thy just and upright Laws
shall always fill my Mind;
And those sound Rules which thou prescrib'st
all due respect shall find.

16 To keep thy Statutes undefac'd,
shall be my constant Joy:
The strict Remembrance of thy Word,
shall all my Thoughts employ.

G I M E L.

17 Be gracious to thy Servant, Lord,
do thou my Life defend,
That I, according to thy Word,
my future Time may spend.

18 Enlighten both my Eyes and Mind,
that so I may discern
The wond'rous Things which they behold
who thy just Precepts learn.

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19 Tho' like a Stranger in the Land,
from Place to Place I stray,
Thy righteous Judgments from my Sight
remove not thou away.

20 My fainting Soul is almost pin'd,
with earnest Longing spent :
Whilst always on the eager Search,
of thy just Will, intent.

21 Thy sharp Rebuke shall crush the Proud,
whom still thy Curse pursues :
Since they to walk in thy right Ways
presumptuously refuse.

22 But far from me, do thou, O Lord,
Contempt and shame remove ;
For I thy sacred Laws affect
with undimmed Love.

23 Tho' Princes oft in Council met,
against thy Servant spake ?
Yet I, thy Statutes to observe
my constant Busines make.

24 For thy Commands have always been
my Comfort and Delight :
By them I learn with prudent Care,
to guide my Steps aright.

D A L E T H .

25 My Soul opprest with deadly Care,
close to the Earth does cleave :
Revive me, Lord, and let me now
thy promis'd Aid receive.

26 To thee I still declare my Ways
who didst incline thine Ear :
O teach me then my future Life
by thy just Laws to steer.

27 If thou wilt make me know thy Laws,
and by thy Guidance walk,
The wond'rous Works which thou hast done
shall be my constant Talk.

28 But see, my Soul within me sinks,
prest down with weighty Care ;
Do thou, according to thy Word,
my wasted Strength repair.

29 Far, far from me be all false Ways,
and lying Arts remov'd :

But kindly grant I still may keep
the Path by thee approv'd
30 Thy faithful Ways thou God of Truth,
my happy Choice I've made ;
Thy Judgments, as my Rule of Life,
before me always laid.

31 My Care has been to make my Life,
with thy Commands agree ;
O then preserve thy Servant, Lord,
from Shame and Ruin free.
32 So in the Way of thy Command
Shall I with Pleasure run ;
And with a Heart, enlarg'd with Joy,
successfully go on.

H E.

33 Instruct me in thy Statutes, Lord,
thy righteous Paths display ;
And I from them thro' all my Life,
will never go astray.

34 If thou true Wisdom from above
wilt graciously impart,
To keep thy perfect Laws I will
devote my zealous Heart.

35 Direct me in thy sacred Ways
to which thy Precepts lead :
Because my chief Delight has been
thy righteous Paths to tread,

36 Do thou to thy most just Commands
incline my willing Heart :
Let no desire of Worldly Wealth
from thee my Thoughts divert.

37 From those vain Objects turn my Eyes,
which this false World displays ;
But give me lively Pow'r and Strength,
to keep thy righteous Ways.

38 Confirm the Promise which thou mad'st
and give thy Servant Aid :
Who to transgres thy sacred Laws
is awfully afraid.

39 The foul Disgrace I justly fear,
in Mercy Lord remove ;
For all thy Judgments thou ordain'st
are full of Grace and Love.

40 Then know'st, how after thy Commands
my longing Heart does pant :
O then make haste to raise me up,
and promis'd Succour grant.

V A U.

41 Thy constant Blessing, Lord, bestow,
to cheer my drooping Heart ;
To me according to thy Word,
thy saving Health impart.

42 So shall I, when my Foes upbraid,
this ready Answer make :
“ In God I trust, who never will
“ his faithful Promise break.

43 Then let not quite the Word of Truth
be from my Mouth remov'd.
Since still my Ground of stedfast Hope,
thy just Decrees have prov'd.

44 So I to keep thy righteous Laws
will all my study bende,
From Age to Age, my Time to come
in their Observance spend.

45 E'er long I trust to walk at large,
from all Incumbrance free ;
Since I resolv'd to make my Life
with thy Commands agree.

46 Thy Laws shall be my constant Talk,
and Princes shall attend,
Whilst I the Justice of thy Ways
with Confidence defend.

47 My longing Heart and ravish'd Soul
shall both o'erflow with Joy ;
When in thy lov'd Commandments I
my happy hours employ.

48 Then will I to thy just Decrees
lift up my willing Hands ;
My Care and Business then shall be
to study thy Commands.

Z A I N .

49 According to thy promis'd Grace,
thy Favour, Lord, extend ;
Make good to me the Word on which
thy Servant's Hopes depend.

50 That only Comfort in Distress,
did all my Griefs controul ;

Thy

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Thy Word, when Troubles hemm'd me round
reviv'd my fainting Soul.

51 Insulting Foes did proudly mock,
and all my hopes deride ;
Yet from thy Law, not all their Scoffs
could make me turn aside.

52 Thy Judgments then of ancient Date,
I quickly call to mind ;
'Till ravish'd with such Thoughts, my Soul
did speedy Comfort find.

53 Sometimes I stand amaz'd, like one
with deadly Horror struck :
To think how all my sinful Foes
have thy just Laws forsook.

54 But I thy Statutes and Decrees
my cheerful Anthems made ;
Whilst thro' strange Lands, and Desarts wilds
I like a Pilgrim stray'd.

55 Thy Name, that chear'd my Heart by Day
has fill'd my Thoughts by Night :
I then resolv'd by thy just Laws
to guide my steps aright.

56 That Peace of Mind, which has my Soul
in deep Distress sustained
By strict Obedience to thy Will,
I happily obtain'd.

C H E T H.

57 O Lord, my God, my Portion thou
and Sure Possession art ;
Thy Words, I stedfastly resolve
to treasure in my Heart.

58 With all the Strength of warm Desires
I did thy Grace implore ;
Disclose, according to thy Word,
thy Mercy's boundless Store.

59 With due Reflection, and strict Care,
on all my Ways I thought ;
And so, reclaim'd to thy just Paths,
my wand'ring Steps I brought.

60 I lost no Time, but made great Haste
resolv'd without Delay,
To watch that I might never more
from thy Commandments stray.

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61 Tho?

61 Tho' num'rous Troops of sinful Men
to rob me have combin'd ;
Yet I thy pure and righteous Laws
have ever kept in Mind.

62 In dead of Night I will arise,
to sing thy solemn Praise :
Convinc'd how much I always ought
to love thy righteous Ways.

63 To such as fear thy holy Name
myself I closely join,
To all who their obedient Wills
to thy Commands resign.

64 O'er all the Earth, thy Mercy, Lord,
abundantly is shed ;
O make me then exactly learn
thy sacred Paths to tread.

T E T H.

65 With me, thy Servant, thou hast dealt
most graciously, O Lord,
Repeated Benefits bestow'd,
according to thy Word.

66 Teach me the sacred Skill by which
right Judgment is attain'd,
Who in Belief of thy Commands
have stedfastly remain'd.

67 Before Affliction stopp'd my Course,
my Footsteps went astray ;
But I have since been disciplin'd
thy Precepts to obey.

68 Thou art, O Lord, supremely good,
and all thou dost is so ;
On me thy Statutes to discern,
the saying Skill bestow.

69 The Proud have forg'd malicious Lies,
my spotless Fame to stain :
But my fix'd Heart without Reserve,
thy Precepts shall retain.

70 While pamper'd they, with prosp'rous Ills,
in sensual Pleasure live ;
My Soul can relish no Delight
but what thy Precepts give.

71 'Tis good for me that I have felt
Affliction's chast'ning Rod ;

That I might duly learn and keep
the Statutes of my God.
The Law that from thy Mouth proceeds
of more Esteem I hold,
Than touch'd Mines, than thousand Mines
of Silver and of Gold.

J O D.

73 To me, who am the Workmanship
of thy Almighty Hands.

The Heav'ly Understanding give
to learn thy just Commands.

74 My Preservation to thy Saints
Strong Comfort will afford ;
To see Success attend my Hopes,
who trusted in thy Word.

75 That right thy Judgments are, I now
by sure Experience see,
And that in Faithfulness, O Lord,
thou hast afflicted me.

76 O let thy tender Mercy now
afford me needful Aid :
According to thy Promise, Lord,
to me, thy Servant made.

77 To me thy saving Grace restore,
that I again may live ;
Whose Soul can relish no Delight
but what thy Precepts give.

78 Defeat the Proud, who unprovok'd,
to ruin me have sought :
Who only on thy sacred Law
employ my harmless Thought.

79 Let those that fear thy Name espouse
my Cause, and those alone,
Who have by strict and pious Search
thy sacred Precepts known.

80 In thy blest Statutes let my Heart
continue always found :
That Guilt and Shame, the Sinner's Lot,
may never me confound.

C A P H.

81 My Soul with long Expectance faints
to see thy saving Grace ;
Yet still on thy unerring Word,
my Confidence I place.

82 My very Eyes consume and fail
with waiting for thy Word,
Oh! when wilt thou thy kind Relief
and promis'd Aid afford ?

83 My Skin, like shrivel'd Parchment, shows
that long in Smoke is set ;
Yet no Affliction me can force,
thy Statutes to forget.

84 How many Days must I endure
of Sorrow and Distress ?
When wilt thou Judgment execute
on them who me opp'res.

85 The Proud have digg'd a Pit for me,
that have no other Foes,
But such as are averse to thee,
and thy just Laws oppose.

86 With sacred Truth's eternal Laws
all thy Commands agree ;
Men persecute me without Cause,
thou, Lord, my Helper be.

87 With close Designs against my Life,
they had almost prevail'd ;
But in Obedience to thy Will
my Duty never fail'd.

88 Thy wanted Kindness Lord, restore,
my drooping Heart to cheer ;
That by thy righteous Statutes I
my Life's whole Course may steer.

L A M E D .

89 For ever, and for ever, Lord,
unchang'd, how dost remain :
Thy Word, establish'd in the Heav'ns,
does all their Orbs sustain.

90 Thro' circling Ages, Lord, thy Truth,
immovable shall stand ;
As doth the Earth, which thou uphold'st
by thy Almighty Hand.

91 All Things the Course by thee ordain'd
ev'n to this Day fulfil ;
They are thy faithful Subjects all,
and Servants of thy Will.

92 Unless thy sacred Law had been
my Comfort and Delight ;

I must have fainted, and expir'd
in dark Affliction's Night.

93 Thy Precepts therefore from my Thoughts
shall never, Lord, depart;

For thou, by them, hast to new Life
restor'd my dying Heart.

94 As I am thine, intirely thine,
protect me, Lord, from Harm;
Who have thy Precepts sought to know,
and carefully perform..

95 The wicked have their Ambush laid,
my guiltless Life to take;
But in the midst of Danger I
thy Word my Study make.

96 I've seen an End of what we call
Perfection here below;
But thy Commandments, like thy self,
no Change or Period know.

M E M.

97 The Love that to thy Laws I bear,
no Language can display;
They with fresh Wonders entertain
my ravish'd Thoughts all Day.

98 Thro' thy Commands I wiser grow,
than all my subtle Foes;
For thy sure Word does me direct,
and all my Ways dispose.

99 From me my former Teachers now
may abler Counsel take;
Because thy sacred Precepts I
my constant Study make.

100 In Understanding I excel
the Sages of our Days;
Because by thy unerring Rules,
I order all my Ways.

101 My Feet with Care I have refrain'd
from ev'ry sinful Way,
That to thy sacred Word I might
intire Obedience pay.

102 I have not from thy Judgments stray'd,
by vain Desires misled;
For, Lord, thou hast instructed me
thy righteous Paths to tread.

103 How sweet are all thy Words to me,
O what divine Repast had on me
How much more grateful to my Soul,
than Honey to my Taste.

104 Taught by thy sacred Precepts, I
with heav'nly Skill am blest.
Thro' which, the treach'rous Ways of Sin
I utterly detest.

N U N.

105 Thy Word is to my Feet a Lamp,
the Way of Truth to show ;
A Watch-light to point out the Path
in which I ought to go.

106 I swear, and from my solemn Oath
will never start aside
That in thy righteous Judgments I
will steadfastly abide.

107 Since I with Grief am so opprest,
that I can bare no mo-e,
According to thy Word do thou
my fainting Soul restore

108 Let still my Sacrifice of Praise
with thee Acceptance find :
And in thy righteous Judgments, Lord,
instruct my willing Mind.

109 Tho' ghastly Dangers me surround
my Soul they cannot awe,
Nor with continual Terrors keep,
from thinking on thy Law.

110 My wicked and inver'rate Foes
for me their Snases have laid ;
Yet I have kept thy upright Path,
nor from thy Precepts stray'd.

111 Thy Testimonies I have made
my Heritage and Choice ;
For they, when other Comforts fail'd,
my drooping Heart rejoice.

112 My Heart with early Zeal began
thy Statutes to obey ;
And till my Course of Life is done,
shall keep thy upright Way.

S A M E C H.

113 Deceitful Thoughts and Practices
I utterly detest ;

But

But to thy Laws Affections bear,
too great to be exprest.

114 My hiding Place, my Refuge Tow'r
and Shield art thou, O Lord;
I firmly Anchor all my Hopes
on thy unerring Word.

115 Hence, ye that tread in Wickedness
approach not my Abode:
For firstly I resolve to keep
the Precepts of my God.

116 According to thy gracious Word,
from Danger set me free;
Nor make me of those Hopes ashame'd,
that I repose on thee.

117 Uphold me, so shall I be safe,
and rescu'd from Distress;
To thy Decrees continually
my just Respect address.

118 The Wicked thou hast trod to Earth,
who from thy Statutes stray'd;
Their vile Deceit the just Reward
of their own Falshood made.

119 The Wicked from thy holy Land
thou dost like Dross remove;
I therefore, with such Justice charm'd,
thy Testimonies love.

120 Yet with that Love they make me dread,
lest I should so offend,
When on Transgressors I behold
thy Judgments thus descend.

A I N.

121 Judgment and Justice I have lov'd:
O therefore, Lord, engage
In my Defence, nor give me up,
to my Oppressor's Rage.

122 Do thou be Surety, Lord, for me;
and so shall this Distress,
Prove good for me, nor shall the Proud
my guiltless Soul oppress.

123 My Eyes, alas; begin to fail,
in long Expectance held,
Till thy Salvation they behold,
and righteous Word fulfill'd.

184 P S A L M C X I X .

184 To me thy Servant in Distress,
thy wonted Grace display,
And discipline my willing Heart
thy Statutes to obey.

185 On me, devoted to thy Fear,
thy sacred Skill bestow,
That of thy Testimonies I
the full Extent may know.

186 'Tis Time, high Time for thee, O Lord,
thy Vengeance to employ ;
When Men with open Violence
thy sacred Laws destroy.

187 Yet their Contempt of thy Commands,
but makes their Value rise
In my Esteem, who purest Gold,
compar'd with them despise.

188 Thy Precepts therefore I account
in all respects Divine,
They teach me to discern the right,
and all false Ways decline.

P E.

189 The Wonders which thy Laws contain,
no Words can represent ;
Therefore to learn and practise them,
my zealous Heart is bent.

190 The very Entrance to thy Word
Celestial Light displays :
And Knowledge of true Happiness
to simplest Minds conveys.

191 With eager Hopes I waiting stood,
and fainting with Desire,
That of thy wise Commands I might
the sacred Skill acquire.

192 With Favour, Lord, look down on me,
who thy Relief implore,
As thou art wont to visit those
that thy blest Name adore.

193 Directed by thy Heav'nly Word,
let all my Footsteps be ;
Nor Wickedness of any kind
Dominion have o'er me.

194 Release, intirely set me free
from persecuting Hands,

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That unmolested, I may learn,
and practice thy Commands.

135 On me, devoted to thy Fear,
Lord, make thy Face to shine,
Thy Statutes both to know and keep,
my Heart with Zeal incline.

136 My Eyes to weeping Fountains turn,
whence briny Rivers flow,
To see Mankind, against thy Laws,
in bold Defiance go.

T S A D E .

137 Thou art the righteous Judge, in whom
wrong'd Innocence may trust;

And, like thy self, thy Judgments, Lord,
in all Respects are just,

138 Most just and true those Statutes were,
which thou didst first decree;
And all with Faithfulness perform'd,
succeeding Times shall see.

139 With Zeal my Flesh consumes away,
my Soul with Anguish frets
To see my Foes contemn at once,
thy Promises and Threats.

140 Yet each neglected Word of thine,
(bow'e'er by them despis'd)
Is pure, and for eternal Truth
by me, thy Servant priz'd.

141 Brought for thy Sake, to low Estate,
Contempt from all I find;
Yet, no Affronts or Wrongs can drive
thy Precepts from my Mind.

142 Thy Righteousness shall then endure,
when Time it self is past:
Thy Law is Truth it self, that Truth
which shall for ever last.

143 Tho' Trouble, Anguish, Doubts and Dread,
to compass me unite,
Beset with Dangers, still I make
thy Precepts my Delight.

144 Eternal and unerring Rules
thy Testimonies give:
Teach me the Wisdom that will make
my Soul for ever live.

K O P H .

145 With my whole Heart to God I call'd,
Lord, hear my earnest cry ;
And I, thy Statutes to perform,
will all my Care apply.

146 Again, more fervently I pray'd,
O save me, that I may
Thy Testimonies truly know,
and stedfastly obey.

147 My earlies Pray' : the dawning Day
prevented while I cry'd
To him, on whose engaing Word
my Hope a'one rely'd.

148 With Zeal have I awak'd before
the Midnight Watch was set,
That I, of thy mysterious Word,
might perfect Knowledge get.

149 Lord, hear my supplicating Voice,
and wonted Favour shew ;
O quicking me, and so approve,
thy Judgments ever true.

150 My persecuting Foes advance,
and hourly nearer draw ;
What Treatment can I hope from them
who violate thy Law ?

151 Tho' they draw nigh, my Comfort is,
thou, Lord, art yet moe near.
Thou, whose Commands are righteous all,
thy Promises sincere.

152 Concerning thy Divine Decrees,
my Soul has known of old,
That they were true, and shall their Truth
to endless Ages hold.

R E S C H .

153 Consider my Affliction, Lord,
and me from Bondage draw ;
Think on thy Servant in Distress,
who ne'er forgets thy Law.

154 Plead thou my Cause ; to that and me
thy timely Aid afford ;
With Beams of Mercy quicken me,
according to thy Word.

155 From

155 From harden'd Sinners thou remov'st
Salvation far away :
'Tis just thou should withdraw from them
who from thy Statutes stray.

156 Since great thy tender Mercies are,
to all who thee adore ;
According to thy Judgments, Lord,
my fainting Hopes restore.

157 A num'rous Host of spiteful Foes,
against my Life combine ;
But all too few to force my Soul
thy Statutes to decline.

158 Those bold Transgrefors I beheld,
and was with Grief oppres'd.
To see with what audacious Pride,
thy Cov'nant they transgress'd.

159 Yet while they slight, consider, Lord,
how I thy Precepts love ;
O therefore quicken me with Beams
of Mercy from Above.

160 As from the Birth of Time thy Truth
has held thro' Ages past.
So shall thy righteous Judgments, firm,
to endless Ages last.

S C H I N .

161 Tho' mighty Tyrants without Cause,
conspire my Blood to shed,
Thy sacred Word has Pow'r alone
to fill my Heart with Dread.

162 And yet that Word my joyful Breast
with Heav'nly Rapture warms.
Nor Conquest, nor the Spoils of War,
have such transporting Charms.

163 Perfidious Practices and Lies,
I utterly detest ;
But to thy Laws Affection bear,
too vast to be express.

164 Seven times a Day with grateful Voice,
thy Praises I resound,
Because I find thy Judgments all
with Truth and Justice crown'd.

165 Secure, substantial Peace have they
who truly love thy Law,

No smiling Mischief them can tempt,
nor frowning Danger awe.

166 For thy Salvation I have hop'd,
and tho' so long delay'd,
With cheerful Zeal and strictest Care
all thy Commands obey'd;

167 Thy Testimonies I have kept,
and constantly obey'd;
Because the Love I bore to them
the Service easy made.

168 From strict Observance of thy Laws
I never yet withdrew;
Convinc'd that my most secret Ways
are open to thy View.

T A U .

169 To my Request and earnest Cry
attend, O gracious Lord;
Inspire my Heart with Heav'nly Skill,
according to thy Word.

170 Let my repeated Pray'r at last
before thy Throne appear;
According to thy plighted Word,
for my Relief draw near.

171 Then shall my grateful Lips return
the Tribute of their Praise,
When thou thy Counsels hast reveal'd,
and taught me thy just Ways.

172 My Tongue the Praises of thy Word
shall thankfully resound,
Because thy Promises are all
with Truth and Justice crown'd.

173 Let thy Almighty Arm appear
and bring me timely Aid;
For I the Laws thou hast ordain'd
my Heart's free Choice have made.

174 My Soul has waited long to see
thy saving Grace restor'd;
Nor Comfort knew, but what thy Laws,
thy Heav'nly Laws afford.

175 Prolong my Life, that I may sing
my great Restorer's Praise;
Whose Justice from the Depth of Woes
my fainting Soul shall raise.

176 Like

1;6 Like some lost Sheep I've stray'd, till I
despair my Way to find :
Thou therefore, Lord, thy Servant seek,
who keeps thy Laws in Mind.

Psalm cxx.

1 N deep Distress I oft have cry'd
To God, who never yet deny'd
To rescuē me oppress'd with Wrongs.
2 Once more, O Lord, deliv'rance send,
From lying Lips my Soul defend ;
And from the Rage of sland'ring Tongues ;
3 What little Profit can accrue,
And yet what heavy Wrath is due,
O thou perfidious Tongue to thee ?
4 Thy Sting upon thy self shall turn,
Of lasting Flames that fiercely burn,
The constant Fuel thou shalt be.
5 But O ! how wretched is my Doom,
Who am a Sojourner become
In barren Mesech's desert Soil ;
With Kedar's wicked Tents inclos'd,
To lawless Savages expos'd
Who live on nought but Theft and Spoil,
6 My hapless Dwelling is with those
Who Peace and Amity oppose,
And Pleasure takes in others harms :
7 Sweet Peace is all I court and seek ;
But when to them of Peace I speak,
They strait cry out, To Arms, to Arms ;

Psalm cxi.

1 TO Sion's Hill I lift my Eyes.
from thence expecting Aid :
2 From Sion's Hill, and Sion's God,
who Heav'n and Earth has made.
3 Then thou, my Soul, in Safety rest,
thy Guardian will not sleep ;
4 His watchful Care, that Isr'el guards,
will Isr'el's Monarch keep.
5 Shelter'd beneath th' Almighty's Wings,
thou shalt securely rest.
6 Where neither Sun nor Moon shall thee
by Day or Night molest.

7 From

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7 From common Accidents of Life
his Care shall guard thee still :
From the Blind Strokes of Chance and Foes,
that lie in wait to kill.

8 At home, Abroad, in Peace, in War,
thy God shall thee defend ;
Conduct thee thro' Life's Pilgrimage,
safe to thy Journey's end.

Psalm cxxii.

1 O 'Twas a joyful Sound to hear
our Tribes devoutly say,
Up, Isr'el to the Temple haste,
and keep your Festal Day.

2 At Salem's Courts we must appear
with our assembled Pow'rs ;

3 In strong and beauteous Order rang'd
like her united Tow'rs.

4 'Tis thither by Divine Command
the Tribes of God repair,
Before his Ark to celebrate
his Name with Praise and Pray'r.

5 Tribunals stand erected there,
where Equity takes Place,
There stand the Courts and Palaces
of Royal David's Race.

6 O, pray we then for Salem's Peace,
for they shall prosp'rous be
(Thou holy City of our God,)
who bear true Love to thee.

7 May Peace within thy sacred Walls
a constant Guest be found ;
With Plenty and Prosperity
thy Palaces be crown'd.

8 For my dear Brethren's sake and Friends,
no less than Brethren dear,
I'll pray --- May Peace in Salem's Tow'rs
a constant Guest appear.

9 But most of all I'll seek thy Good ;
and ever wish thee well :
For Sion and the Temple's sake,
where God vouchsafes to dwell.

Psalm cxxiii.

1, 2 O N thee, who dwell'st above the Skies ;
For Mercy wait my longing Eyes,

As

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As Servants watch their Masters Hands,
And Maids their Mistresses Commands.

3, 4 O then have Mercy on us, Lord,
Thy gracious Aid to us afford ;
To us whom cruel Foes oppres,
Grown rich and proud by our Distress.

Psalm cxxiv.

1 HAD not the Lord (may Isr'el say)
been pleas'd to interpose ;
2 Had he not then espous'd our Cause,
when Men against us rose ?
3, 4, 5 Their Wrath had swallow'd us alive,
and rag'd without Controul ;
Their Spite and Pride's united Floods
had quite ov'rwhelm'd our Soul.
6 But prais'd be our eternal Lord,
who rescu'd us that Day,
Nor to their savage Jews gave up
our threaten'd Lives a Prey.
7 Our Soul is like a Bird escap'd
from out the Fowler's Net ;
The Snare is broke, their Hopes are cross'd,
and we at Freedom set.
8 Secure in his Almighty Name,
our Confidence remains,
Who, as he made both Heav'n and Earth,
of both sole Monarch reigns.

Psalm cxxv.

1 WHO place on Sion's God their Trust,
like Sion's Rock shall stand ;
Like her immoveably be fix'd
by his Almighty Hand.
2 Look how the Hills on ev'ry side
Jerusalem inclose,
So stand the Lord around his Saints
to guard them from their Foes.
3 The Wicked may afflict the Just,
but ne'er too long oppres,
Nor force him by Despair to seek
base Means for his Redress.
4 Be good, O righteous God, to those
who righteous Deeds affect ;
The Heart that Innocence retains,
let Innocence protect.

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5 All those who walk in crooked Paths,
the Lord shall soon destroy ;
Cut off the Unjust, but crown the Saints,
with lasting Peace and Joy.

Psalm cxxvi.

1 WHEN Sion's God her Sons recall'd
from long Captivity,
It seem'd at first a pleasing Dream
of what we wish'd to see.

2 But soon in an unaccustom'd Mirth
we did our Voice employ,
And sung our great Restorer's Praise,
in thankful Hymns of Joy.
Our Heathen Foes repining stood,
yet were compell'd to own,
That great and wond'rous was the Work
our God for us had done.

3 'Twas great, say they, 'twas wond'rous great,
much more should we confess ;
The Lord has done great Things, whereof
we reap the glad Success.

4 To us bring back the Remnant, Lord,
of Isr'el's Captive Bands,
More Welcome than refreshing Show'r's,
to parch'd and thirsty Lands.

5 That we, whose Work commenc'd in Tears,
may see our Labours thrive,
Till finish'd with Success, to make
our drooping Hearts revive.

6 Tho' he despends that sows his Grain,
yet doubtless he shall come
To bind his full-ear'd Sheaves, and bring
the joyful Harvest Home.

Psalm cxxvii.

1 WE build with fruitless Cost, unless
the Lord the Pile sustain ;
Unless the Lord the City keep,
the Watchmen wakes in vain.

2 In vain we rise before the Day,
and late to Rest repair,
Allow no Respite to our Toil,
and eat the Bread of Care.
Supplies of Life with Ease to them,
he on his Saints bestows ;

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He crowns their Labour with Success,
their Nights with sound Repose.

3 Children, those Comforts of our Life,
are Presents from the Lord;

He gives a num'rous Race of Heirs,
as Piety's Reward.

4 As Arrows in a Giant's Hand,
when marching forth to War,

Ev'n so the Sons of sprightly Youth,
their Parents Safe-guard are.

5 Happy the Man, whose Quiver fill'd
with these prevailing Arms;

He needs not fear to meet his Foe,
at Law, or War's Alarms.

Psalm cxxviii.

1 THE Man is blest who fears the Lord,
nor only Worship pays;
But keeps his Steps confin'd with Care,
to his appointed Ways:

2 He shall upon the sweet Returns
of his own Labour feed:
Without Dependance live, and see
his Wishes all succeed.

3 His Wife, like a fair fertile Vine,
her lovely Fruit shall bring;
His Children, like young Olive-plants,
about his Table spring:

4 Who fears the Lord, shall prosper thus,
him Sion's God shall bless;

5 And grant him all his Days to see
Jerusalem's Success.

He shall live on, till Heirs from him
descend with vast increase:
Much blest in his own prosp'rous State
and more in Isr'el's Peace.

Psalm cxxix.

FROM my Youth up, may Isr'el say,
they oft have me affai'd:

Reduc'd me oft to heavy Straits,
but never quite prevail'd.

They oft have plough'd my patient Back
with Furrows deep and long:

But our just God has broke their Chains
and rescu'd us from Wrong.

194 P S A L M CXXX, CXXXI.

5 Defeat, Confusion, shameful Rout
 be still the Doom of those,
 Their righteous Doom; who Sion hate,
 and Sion's God oppose.
6 Like Corn upon our Houses Tops,
 untimely let them fade.
 Who too much Heat, and want of Root,
 has blasted in the Blade.
7 Which in his Arms no Reaper takes,
 but unregarded leaves ;
 Nor Binder thinks it worth his Pains
 to fold it into Sheaves
8 No Traveller that passes by,
 vouchsafes a Minute's Stop,
 To give it one kind Look, or crave
 Heav'n's Blessing on the Crop.

Psalm cxxx.

1 FROM lowest Depths of Woe,
 To God I send my Cry ;
2 Lord ! hear my supplicating Voice,
 and graciously reply.
3 Should'st thou sever'ly judge,
 who can the Trial bear ?
4 But thou-forgiv'st lest we despond,
 and quite renounce thy Fear.
5 My Soul with Patience waits
 for thee the living Lord :
 My Hopes are on thy Promise built,
 thy never failing Word.
6 My longing Eyes look out
 for thy enliv'ning Ray,
 More duly than the Morning Watch,
 to spy the dawning Day.
7 Let Isr'el trust in God,
 no Bound is his Mercy knows ;
 The p'enteous Source and Spring from whence
 eternal Succour flows.
8 Whose friendly Streams to us
 supplies in Want convey ;
 A healing Spring, a Spring to cleanse
 and wash our Guilt away.

Psalm cxxxi.

1 O Lord, I am not proud of Heart,
 nor cast a scornful Eye ;

1 Nor my aspiring Thoughts employ
in Things for me too high.

2 With Infant-Innocence, thou know'st
I have my self demean'd ;
Compos'd to Quiet like a Babe,
that from the Breast is wean'd.

Like me, let Isr'el hope in God,
his Aid alone implore ;
But now and ever trust in him
who lives for evermore.

Psalm cxxxii.

1 LET David, Lord, a constant Place
in thy Remembrance find,
Let all the Sorrows he endur'd
be ever in thy Mind.

2 Remember what a solemn Oath
to thee, his Lord, he swore ;
How to the mighty God he vow'd,
whom Jacob's Sons adore.

3, 4 I will not go into my House,
nor to my Bed ascend ;
No soft Repose shall close my Eyes,
nor Sleep my Eye-lids bend :

5 Till for the Lord's design'd Abode
I mark the destin'd Ground ;
Till I a decent Place of Rest
for Jacob's God have found.

6 Th' appointed Place, with Shouts of Joy,
at Ephrata we found,
And made the Wood and neighb'ring Fields,
our glad Applause resound.

7 O with due Rev'rence let us then,
to his Abode repair ;
And prostrate at his Footstool fall'n
pour out our humble Pray'r.

8 Arise, O Lord, and now possess
thy constant Place of Rest ;
Be that not only with thy Ark,
but with thy Presence blest.

9, 10 Cloath thou thy Priests with Righteousness,
make thou thy Saints rejoice ;
And for thy Servant David's Sake,
hear thy anointed's Voice.

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11 God sware to David in his Truth,
(nor shall his Oath be vain)
One of thy Off-spring after thee
upon thy Throne shall reign ;
11 And if thy Seed my Covenant keep,
and to my Laws submit :
Their Children too upon thy Throne
for evermore shall sit.
13, 14 For Sion does in God's Esteem,
all other Seats excel :
His Place of everlasting Rest,
where he desires to dwell.
15, 16 Her Store, says he, I will encrease,
her Poor with Plenty bless ;
Her Saints shall shout for Joy, her Priests
my saving Health confess.
17 There David's Pow'r shall long remain
in his successive Line,
And my anointed Servant there
shall with fresh Lustre shine.
18 The Faces of his vanquish'd Foes
Confusion shall o'erspread ;
Whilst with confirm'd Success, his Crown
shall flourish on his Head.

Psalm cxxxiii.

1 HOW vast must their Advantage be !
how great their Pleasure prove !
Who live like Brethren, and consent
in Offices of Love !
2 True love is like that precious Oil
which pour'd on Aaron's Head,
Ran down his Beard, and o'er his Robes,
its costly Moister shed.
3 'Tis like refreshing Dew, which does
on Hermon's Top distill ;
Or like the early Drops that fall
on Sion's fruitful Hill.
For Sion is his chosen Seat,
where the Almighty King,
The promis'd Bleffing has ordain'd
and Life's eternal Spring.

Psalm cxxxiv.

1 Bless God, ye Servants that attend
upon his solemn State ;

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That in his Temple Night by Night,
with humble Rev'rence wait :
2, ; Within his House lift up your Hands,
and bless his Holy Name ;
From Sion bless thy Isr'el, Lord,
who Heav'n and Earth didst frame.

Psalm cxxxv.

1 O Praise the Lord with one Consent,
and magnify his Name ;
Let all the Servants of the Lord
his worthy Praise proclaim.
2 Praise him all ye that in his House,
attend with constant Care ;
With those that to his outmost Courts,
with humble Zeal repair.
3 For this our truest Int'rest is,
glad Hymns of Praise to sing :
And with loud Songs to bless his Name,
a most delightful Thing.
4 For God his own peculiar Choice,
the Sons of Jacob makes ;
And Isr'el's Off-spring for his own
most valu'd Treasure takes.
5 That God is great, we often have
by glad Experience found ;
And seen how he with wond'rous Power
above all Gods is crown'd.
6 For he with unresisted Strength
performs his sov'reign Will ;
In Heav'n, and Earth, and watry Stores,
that Earth's deep Caverns fill.
7 He raises Vapours from the Ground,
which poi'd in liquid Air,
Fall down at last in Show'rs thro' which
his dreadful Lightnings glare :
8 He, from his Store-house, brings the Winds,
and he with vengeful Hand,
The First-born slew of Man and Beast,
thro' Egypt's mourning Land.
9 He dreadful Signs and Wonders shew'd
thro' stubborn Egypt's Coasts,
Nor Pharaoh could his Plagues escape,
nor all his num'rous Hosts.

20, 21 'Twas he that various Nations smote,
and mighty Kings suppress'd ;
Sihon and Og, and all besides,
who Canaan's Land possess'd.

22, 23 Their Land upon his chosen Race
he firmly did entail ;
For which his Fame shall always last,
his Praise shall never fail.
24 For God shall soon his People's Cause
with pitying Eyes survey ;
Repent him of his Wrath and turn
his kindled Rage away.

25 Those Idols whose false Worship spreads
o'er all the Heathen Lands,
Are made of Silver and of Gold,
the Work of human Hands.

26, 27 They move not their fictitious Tongues,
nor see with polish'd Eyes ;
Their counterfeited Ears are deaf,
no Breath their Mouth supplies.

28 As senseless as themselves are they,
that all their Skill apply
To make them, or in dang'rous Times,
on them for Aid rely.

29 Their just returns of Thanks to God,
let grateful Is'r'l pay ;
Nor let the Priests of Aaron's Race
to bless the Lord delay.

30 Their Sense of his unbounded Love
let Levi's House express ;
And let all those that fear the Lord,
his Name for ever bless.

31 Let all with Thanks his wond'rous Works
in Sion's Courts proclaim ;
Let them in Salem, where he dwells,
exalt his Holy Name.

Psalm cxxxvi.

1 TO God, the mighty Lord,
Your joyful Thanks repeat,
To him due Praise afford
As good as he is great :
For God does prove
Our constant Friend,

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His boundless Love,
Shall never End.

1, 3 To him whose wondrous Pow'r
All other Gods obey.
Whom Earthly Kings adore,
This grateful Homage pay.
For God, &c.

4, 5 By his Almighty Hand
Amazing Works are wrought ;
The Heav'ns by his Commands
Were to Perfection brought.
For God, &c.

6 He spread the Ocean round,
About the spacious Land ;
And made the rising Ground
Above the Waters stand.
For God, &c.

7, 8, 9 Thro' Heav'n he did display
His num'rous Hosts of Light !
The Sun to rule by Day.
The Moon and Stars by Night.
For God, &c.

10, 11, 12 He struck the first-born dead,
Of Egypt's stubborn Land ;
And thence his People led
With his resistless Hand.
For God, &c.

13, 14 By him the raging Sea,
As if in Pieces rent,
Disclos'd a middle Way
Thro' which his People went.
For God, &c.

15; Where soon he overthrew
Proud Pharaoh and his Host,
Who daring to pursue,
Were in the Billows lost.
For God, &c.

16, 17, 18 Thro' Deserts vast and wild
He led the chosen Seed :
And famous Princes foil'd,
And made great Monarchs bleed.
For God, &c.

29, 30 Sihon, whose potent Hand
Great Ammon's Sceptre sway'd,
And Og, whose stern Command
Rich Bashan's Land obey'd.
For God, &c.

31, 32 And of his wond'rous Grace,
Their Lands whom he destroy'd,
He gave to Isr'el's Race,
To be by them enjoy'd:
For God, &c.

33, 34 He, in our Depth of Woes,
On us with Favours thought:
And from our cruel Foes
in Peace and Safety brought.
For God, &c.

35, 36 He does the Food supply,
On which all Creatures live:
To God who reigns on high
Eternal Praises give.

For God does prove
Our constant Friend,
His boundless Love,
Shall never End.

Psalm cxxxvii.

1 WHEN we our weary Limbs to rest,
Sat down by proud Euphrate's Stream,
We wept with doleful Thoughts oppress,
And Sion was our mournful Theme.

2 Our Harps, that when with Joy we sung,
Were wont their tuneful Parts to bear,
With silent Strings neglected hung
On Willow Trees that wither'd there.

3 Mean while our Foes, who all conspir'd
To triumph in our slavish Wrongs,
Musick and Mirth of us requir'd,
" Come, sing us one of Sion's Songs."

4 How shall we tune our Voice to sing?
Or touch our Harps with skilful Hands?
Shall Hymns of Joy to God our King
Be sung by Slaves in foreign Lands?

5 O Salem, Our once happy Seat;
When I of thee forgetful prove,

Let then my trembling Hand forget
The speaking Strings with Art to move.
 6 If I to mention thee forbear,
Eternal Silence seize my Tongue :
Or if I sing one cheerful Ayre
Till thy Deliv'rance is my Song.
 7 Remember, Lord, how Edom's Race,
In thy own City's fatal Day,
Cry'd out, " Her stately Walls deface,
" And with the Ground quite level lay.
 8 Proud Babel's Daughter doom'd to be
Of Grief and Woe the wretched Prey ;
Blest is the Man who shall to thee
The Wrongs thou lay's on us repay.

9 Thrice blest, who with just Rage possess,
And deaf to all the Parents Moans,
Shall snatch thy Infants from the Breast,
And dash their Heads against the Stones.

Psalm cxxxviii.

1 With my whole Heart, my King and God,
thy Praise I will proclaim ;
Before the Gods with Joy I'll sing,
and bless thy Holy Name.
 2 I'll worship at thy sacred Seat,
and with thy Love inspir'd ;
The Praises of thy Truth repeat,
o'er all thy Works admir'd.
 3 Thou graciously inclin'dst thine Ear,
when I to thee did cry ;
And when my Soul was press'd with Fear,
didst inward Strength supply.
 4 Therefore shall ev'ry Earthly Prince
thy Name with Praise pursue,
Whom these admir'd Events convince
that all thy Works are true.
 5 They all thy wond'rous Ways, O Lord,
with cheerful Songs shall bless ;
And all thy glorious Acts record,
thy awful Pow'r confess ;
 6 For God, altho' enthron'd on high
does thence the Poor respect ;
The Proud far off, his scornful Eye
beholds with just Neglect.

7 Tho' I with Troubles am opprest,
 he shall my Foes disarm,
Relieve my Soul, when most distress'd,
 and keep me safe from Harm.
8 The Lord, whose Mercies ever last,
 shall fix my happy State :
And mindful of his Favours past,
 shalt his own Work compleat.

Psalm cxxxix.

1,1 T Hou, Lord, by strictest Search hast known
 My rising up, and lying down,
My secret Thoughts are known to thee,
 Known long before conceiv'd by me.
3 Thine Eye my Bed and Path surveys,
 My publick Haunts, and private Ways ;
4 Thou know'st what 'tis my Lips would vent,
 My yet un-utter'd Words intent!
5 Surrounded by thy Pow'r I stand,
 On every Side I find thy Hand.
6 O Skill, for human Reach too high !
 Too dazzling bright for mortal Eye !
7 O could I so perfidious be,
 To think of once deserting thee !
Where, Lord, could I thy Influence shun ?
 Or whether from thy Presence run ?
8 If up to Heav'n I take my Flight,
 'Tis there thou dwell'st, enthron'd in Light,
If down to Hell's infernal Plains,
 'Tis there Almighty Vengeance reigns.
9 If I the Morning's Wings could gain,
 And fly beyond the Western Main,
10 Thy swifter Hand would first arrive,
 And there arrest thy Fugitive.
11 Or should I try to shun thy Sight
 Beneath the fable Wings of Night :
One Glance from thee, one piercing Ray
 Would kindle Darkness into Day.
12 The Veil of Night is no Disguise,
 No Screen from thy All-searching Eyes;
Thro' midnight Shades thou find'st thy Way,
 As in the blazing Noon of Day.
13 Thou know'st the Texture of my Heart,
 My Reins, and ev'ry vital Part,

Each

Each single Thread in Nature's Loom,
By thee was cover'd in the Womb.

14 I'll praise thee, from whose Hands I came,
A Work of such a curious Frame ;
The Wonders thou in me hast shown,
My Soul with grateful Joy must own.

15 Thine Eyes my Substance did survey,
While yet a lifeless Mass it lay,
In secret, how exactly wrought,
E'er from its dark Enclosure brought.

16 Thou didst the shapeless Embryo see,
Its Parts are register'd by thee ;
Thou saw'st the daily Growth they took,
Form'd by the Model of thy Book.

17 Let me acknowledge too, O God,
That since this Maze of Life I trod,
Thy Thoughts of Love to me surmount
The Pow'r of Numbers to recount.

18 Far sooner could I reckon o'er
The Sands upon the Ocean Shore :
Each Morn revising what I've done
I find the Account but new begun.

19 The wicked thou shalt slay, O God :
Depart from me ye Men of Blood,

20 Whose Tongues Heav'n's Majesty profane,
And take the Almighty's Name in vain.

21 Lord, hate not I their impious Crew,
Who thee with Enmity pursue ?
And does not Grief my Heart oppres.
When Reprobates thy Laws transgres ?

22 Who practise Enmity to thee,
Shall utmost Hatred have from me :
Such Men I utterly detest,
As if they were my Foes profest. (Heart,
23, 24) Search, try, O God, my Thoughts and
If Mischief lurks in any Part ;
Correct me where I go astray,
And guide me in thy perfect Way.

Psalm cxi.

1 Preserve me, Lord from crafty Foes
of treacherous Intent ;

2 And from the Sons of Violence,
on open Mischief bent.

3 Their fland'ring Tongue the Serpent's Sting
in Sharpness does exceed ;
Between their Lips the Gaul of Asps
and Adders Venom breed.

4 Preserve me, Lord, from wicked Hands,
nor leave my Soul forlorn,
A Prey to Sons of Violence,
who have my Ruin sworn.

5 The Proud for me have laid their Snare,
and spread their wily Net,
With Traps and Gins, when e'er I move,
I find my Steps beset.

6 But thus environ'd with Distress,
thou art my God I said,
Lord hear my supplicating Voice,
that calls to thee for Aid.

7 O Lord, the God, whose saving Strength
kind Succour did convey,
And cover'd my advent'rous Head
in Battle's doubtful Day.

8 Permit not their unjust Designs
to answer their Desire ;
Lest they, encourag'd by Success,
to bolder Crimes aspire.

9 Let first their Chiefs the sad Effects
of their Injustice mourn,
The Blast of their envenom'd Breath
upon themselves return.

10 Let them who kindled first the Flame,
its Sacrifice become :
The Pit they digg'd for me, be made
their own untimely Tomb.

11 Tho' Slander's Breath may raise a Storm,
it quickly will Decay :
Their Rage does but the Torrent swell
that bears themselves away.

12 God will assert the poor Man's Cause,
and speedy Succour give :
The Just shall celebrate his Praise,
and in his Presence live.

Psalm cxli.

1 To thee, O Lord; my Cries ascend,
O haste to my Relief :

And

1 And with accustom'd Pity hear
the Accents of my Grief.

2 Instead of Off'rings, let my Pray'r
like Morning Incense rise ;
My lifted Hands supply the Place
of Ev'ning Sacrifice.

3 From hasty Language curb my Tongue ;
and let a constant Guard
Still keep the Portal of my Lips
with wary silence barr'd.

4 From Wicked Mens Designs and Deeds,
my Heart and Hands restrain :
Nor let me in the Booty share
of their unrighteous Gain.

5 Let upright Men reprove my Faults,
and I shall think them kind,
Like Balm that heals a wounded Head ;
I their Reproof shall find.
And in Return, my fervent Pray'r :
I shall for them address,
When they are tempted and reduc'd.
like me to sore Distress.

6 When sculking in Engiddi's Rock,
I to their Chiefs appeal,
If one reproachful Word I spoke,
when I had Pow'r to kill.

7 Yet us they persecute to Death,
our scatter'd Ruins lie
As thick as from the Hewer's Ax,
the sever'd Splinters fly.

8 But, Lord, to the I still direct
my supplicating Eyes ;
O leave not destitute my Soul,
whose Trust on thee relies.

9 Do thou preserve me from the Snares
that wicked Hands have laid ;
Let them in their own Nets be caught
while my Escape is made.

Psalm cxlii.

1 TO God with mournful Voice
In deep distress I pray'd :
2 Made him the Umpire of my Cause,
My Wrongs before him laid.

3 Tho:

3 Thou didst my steps direct
when my griev'd Soul despair'd :
For where I thought to walk secure,
they had their Traps prepar'd.

4 I look'd, but found no Friend
to own me in Distress ;
All Refuge fail'd, no Man vouchsaf'd
his Pity or Redress.

5 To God at last, I pray'd,
thou, Lord, my Refuge art :
My Portion in the Land of Life,
till Life it self depart.

6 Reduc'd to greatest Straits,
to thee I make my Moan,
O ! save me from oppressive Foes,
for me too pow'rtal grown.

7 That I may praise thy Name,
my Soul from Prison bring :
Whilst of thy kind Regard to me
assembled Saints shall sing.

Psalm cxliii.

8 L ord, hear my Pray'r, and to my Cry
thy wonted Audience lend :
In thy accustom'd Faith and Truth
a gracious Answer send.

2 Nor at thy strict Tribunal bring
thy Servant to be try'd :
For in thy Sight no living Man
can e'er be justify'd.

3 The spiteful Foe pursues my Life,
whose Comforts all are fled ;
He drives me into Caves as dark
as Mansions of the dead.

4 My Spirit therefore is o'erwhelm'd,
and sinks within my Breast :
My mournful Heart grows desolate,
with heavy Woes oppress't.

5 I call to mind the Days of old ,
and Wonders thou hast wrought :
My former Dangers and Escapes
employ my musing Thought.

6 To thee my Hands in humble Pray'r
I fervently stretch out ;

My

My Soul for thy Refreshment Thirsts,
like Land oppress'd with Drought.

7 Hear me with Speed ; my Spirits fails,
thy Face no longer hide :
Lest I become forlorn like them
that in the Grave reside.

8 Thy Kindness early let me hear,
whose trust on thee depends ;
Teach me the Way where I should go,
my Soul to thee ascends.

9 Do thou, O Lord, from all my Foes,
preserve and set me free :
A safe Retreat against their Rage,
my Soul implores from thee.

10 Thou art my God, thy righteous Will
instruct me to obey ;
Let thy good Spirit lead and keep
my Soul in thy right Way.

11 O ! for the Sake of thy great Name
revive my drooping Heart ;
For thy Truth's Sake, to me distress'd,
thy promis'd Aid impart
12 In Pity to my Suff'rings Lord,
reduce my Foes to Shame ;
Slay them that persecute a Soul
devoted to thy Name.

Psalm cxliv.

1 FOR ever bless'd be God the Lord,
who does his needful Aid impart,
At once both Strength and Skill afford
To wield my Arms with warlike Art.

2 His Goodness is my Fort and Tow'r,
My strong Deliv'rance and my Shield ;
In him I trust, whose matchless Pow'r
Makes to my Sway fierce Nations yield.

3 Lord, what's in Man that thou shouldest love ?
Of him such tender Care to take ?
What in his Off-spring could thee move
Such great Account of him to make ?

4 The Life of Man does quickly fade ;
His Thoughts but empty are and vain,
His Days are like a flying Shade.
Of whose short Stay no Signs remain.

5 In solemn State, O God, descend,
 Whilst Heav'n its lofty Head inclines ;
 The smoaking Hills asunder rend,
 Of thy Approach the awful Signs.

6 Discharge thy dreadful Lightnings round,
 And make my scatter'd Foes retreat ;
 Then with thy pointed Arrows wound,
 And their Destruction soon compleat.

7, 8 Do thou, O Lord, from Heav'n engage
 Thy boundless Pow'r my Foes to quell,
 And snatch me From the stormy Rage
 Of threat'ning Waves that proudly swell.
 Fight thou against my foreign Foes,
 Who utter Speeches false and vain ;
 Who tho' in solemn Leagues they close,
 Their sworn Engagements ne'r maintain.

9 So I to thee, O King of Kings,
 In new made Hymns my Voice shall raise,
 And Instruments of various Strings
 Shall help me thus to sing thy Praise :

10 " God does to Kings his Aid afford,
 " To them hisure Salvation sends ;
 " 'Tis he that from the murd'ring Sword
 " His Servant David still defends.

11 Fight thou against my foreign Foes,
 Who utter Speeches false and vain :
 Who tho' in solemn Leagues they close,
 Their sworn Engagements ne'er maintain.

12 Then our young Sons like Trees shall grow
 Well planted in some fruitful Place ;
 Our Daughters shall like Pillars show,
 Design'd some Royal Court to grace.

13 Our Garners fill'd with various Store,
 Shall us and ours with Plenty feed,
 Our Sheep increasing more and more,
 Shall Thousands and ten Thousands breed.

14 Strong shall our labouring Oxen grow,
 Nor in their constant labour faint ;
 Whilst we no War, nor slav'ry know,
 And in our Streets hear no Complaint.

15 Thrice happy is that People's Case,
 Whose various blessings thus abound ;
 Who God's true Worship still embrace,
 And are with his Protection crown'd.

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1, 2 THEE I will bless my God and King,
thy endless Praise proclaim ;

This Tribute daily I will bring,
and ever bless thy Name.

3 Thou, Lord, beyond Compare art great,
and highly to be prais'd ;

Thy Majesty with boundless Height,
above our Knowledge rais'd.

Renown'd for mighty Acts, thy Fame
to future Time extends ;

4 From Age to Age thy glorious Name
successively descends.

5, 6 Whilst I thy Glory and Renown,
and wond'rous Works express !

The World with me thy Might shall own,
and thy great Pow'r confess.

7 The Praise that to thy Love belongs,
they shall with Joy proclaim ;

Thy Truth of all their grateful Songs
shall be the constant Theme.

8 The Lord is good ; fresh Acts of Grace
his pity still supplies ;

His Anger moves with slowest Pace :
his willing Mercy flies.

9, 10, Thy Love thro' Earth extends its Fame
to all thy Works express ;

These shew thy Praise, whilst thy great Name
is by thy Servants blest.

11 They, with the glorious Prospect fir'd,
shall of thy Kingdom speak ;

And thy great Pow'r by all admir'd,
their lofty Subject make.

12 God's glorious Works of ancient Date,
shall thus to all be known ;

And thus his Kingdoms Royal State,
with publick Splendor shown.

13 His stedfast Throne from Changes free,
shall stand for ever fast ;

His boundless Sway no end shall see,
but Time itself out-last.

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14, 15 The Lord does them support that fall,
and makes the Prostrate rise ;
For his kind Aid all Creatures call,
who timely Foods supplies.

16 Whatever their various wants require
with open Hand he gives ;
And so fulfils the just Desire
of ev'ry Thing that lives.

17, 18 How Holy is the Lord, how just !
how righteous all his Ways !
How nigh to him, who with firm Trust,
for his Assistance prays !

19 He grants the full Desires of those
who him with Fear adore ;
And will their Troubles soon compose,
when they his Aid implore.

20 The Lord preserves all those with Care
whom grateful Love employs ;
But Sinners, who his Vengeance dare,
with furious Rage destroys.

21 My Time to come, in praises spent,
shall still advance his Fame,
And all Mankind with one Consent,
for ever bless his Name.

Psalm cxlvii.

1, 2 O Praise the Lord, and thou my Soul,
for ever bless his Name !
His wond'rous Love, while Life shall last,
my constant Praise shall claim.

3 On King's, the greatest Sons of Men,
let none for Aid rely ;
They cannot save in dang'rous Times,
nor timely Help apply.

4 Depriv'd of Breath, to Dust they turn,
and there neglected lie,
And all their Thoughts and vain Designs
together with them die.

5 Then happy he, who Jacob's God
for his Protector takes ;
Who still with well-plac'd Hope, the Lord
his constant Refuge makes.

6 The

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6 The Lord who made both Heav'n and Earth,
and all that they contain,
Will never quit his steadfast Truth,
nor make his Promise vain.

7 The Poor opprest from all their Wrongs,
are eas'd by his Decree :
He gives the hungry needful Food,
and sets the Pris'ners free.

8 By him the Blind receive their Sight,
the weak and fall'n he rears ;
With kind Regard and tender Love
he for the righteous cares.

9 The Strangers he preserves from Harm,
the Orphans kindly treats,
Defends the Widow, and the Wiles
of wicked Men defeats.

10 The God that does in Sion dwell,
is our eternal King ;
From Age to Age his Reign endures,
let all his Praises sing.

Psalm cxlvii.

1 O Praise the Lord with Hymns of Joy,
and celebrate his Fame ;
For pleasant, good and comely 'tis
to praise his Holy Name.

2 His Holy City God will build,
tho' levell'd with the Ground ;
Bring back his People, tho' dispers'd
thro' all the Nations round.

3, 4 He kindly heals the broken Hearts,
and all their Wounds does close,
He tells the Number of the Stars,
their several Names he knows

5, 6 Great is the Lord, and great his Pow'r,
his Wisdom has no Bound ;
The Meek he raises, and throws down
the Wicked to the Ground.

7 To God, the Lord, a Hymn of Praise
with grateful Voices sing :
To Songs of Triumph tune the Harp,
and strike each warbling String.

8 He covers Heav'n with Clouds, and thence
refreshing Rain bestows ;

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**Thro' him on Mountain Tops, the Grafs
with wond'rous Plenty grows.**

9 He, savage Beasts, that loosely range,
with timely Food supplies ;
He feeds the Raven's tender Brood,
and stops their hungry Cries.

10 He values not the warlike Steed,
but does his Strength disdain ;
The nimble Foot that swiftly runs,
no Prize from him can gain.

11 But he, to him that fears his Name,
his tender Love extends ;
To him that on his boundless Grace
with stedfast Hope depends.

12, 13 Let Sion and Jerusalem
to God their Praise address ;
Who fenc'd their Gates with massy Bars
and does their Children bless.

14, 15 Thro' all their Borders he gives Pe
with finest Wheat they're fed ;
He speaks the Word, and what he will
is done as soon as said.

16 Large Flakes of Snow like fleecy Wo
descend at his Command :
And hoary Frost, like Ashes spread,
is scatter'd o'er the Land.

17 When join'd to these, he does his Ha
in little Morsels break :
Who can against his piercing Cold
secure defences make ?

18 He sends his Word, which melts the I
he makes his Wind to blow,
And soon the Streams congeal'd before,
in plenteous Currents flow.

19 By him his Statutes and Decrees
to Jacob's Sons were shown ;
And still to Is'rals chosen Seed
his righteous Laws are known.

20 No other Nation this can boast,
nor did he e'er afford
To Héathen Lands his Oracles,
and Knowledge of his Word. Halle

Psalm cxlviii.

1, 2 Y^E boundless Realms of Joy
Exalt your Maker's Fame ;
His Praise your Song employ
Above the starry Frame ;
Your Voices raise,
Ye Cherubim
And Seraphim,
To sing his Praise.

3, 4 Thou Moon that rul'st the Night,
And Sun that guid'st the Day,
Ye glitt'ring Stars of Light,
To him your Homage pay ;
His Praise declare
Ye Heav'ns above,
And Clouds that move
In liquid Air.

5, 6 Let them adore the Lord,
And praise his Holy Name,
By whose Almighty Word
They all from nothing came ;
And all shall last
From Changes free ;
His firm Decree
Stands ever fast.

7, 8 Let Earth her Tribute pay ;
Praise him ye dreadful Whales,
And Fish that thro' the Sea
Glide swift with glittering Scales,
Fire, Hail, and Snow,
And misty Air,
And Winds that, where
He bids them, blow.

9, 10 By Hills and Mountains (all
In grateful Comfort join'd)
By Cedars stately tall,
And Trees for Fruit design'd,
By ev'ry Beast,
And creeping Thing,
And Fowl of Wing,
His Name be blest.

11, 12 Let all of Royal Birth,
With those of humbler Frame ;

And

And Judges of the Earth,
His matchless Praise proclaim,
In this Design
Let Youths with Maids,
And hoary Heads
With Children join.

33 United Zeal be shwon,
His wond'rous Fame to raise,
Whose glorious Name alone,
Deserves our endless Praise.
Earth's utmost Ends
His Pow'r obey :
His glorious Sway
The Sky transcends.

34 His chosen Saints to grace
He sets them up on high,
And favours Israel's Race
Who still to him are nigh.
O therefore raise
Your grateful Voice,
And still rejoice
The Lord to praise.

Psalm cxlix.

1, 2 O Praise ye the Lord,
prepare you: glad Voice,
His Praise in the great
assembly to sing.

In our great Creator
let Isr'el rejoice :

And Children of Sion
be glad in their King.

3, 4 Let them his great Name,
extol in the Dance ;

With Timbrel and Harp
his Praises express :

Who always takes Pleasure
his Saines to advance,

And with his Salvation
the humble to bless.

5, 6 With Glory adorn'd
his People shall sing
To God, who their Beds
with Safety does shield ;
Their Mouths fill'd with Praises
of him their great King ;

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Whilst a two-edg'd Sword
their Right-hand shall wield.

7, 8 Just Vengeance to take
for Injuries past ;
To punish those Lands
for Ruin design'd ;
With Chains as their Captives,
to tie their Kings fast,
With Fetters of Iron
their nobles to bind.

9 Thus shall they make good,
when them they destroy,
The dreadful Decree
which God does proclaim :
Such Honour and Triumph
his Saints shall enjoy,
O therefore forever
exalt his great Name.

Psalm cl.

1 O Praise the Lord in that blest Place,
from whence his Goodness largely flows
Praise him in Heav'n, where he his Face
unveil'd in perfect Glory shows.

2 Praise him for all the mighty Acts
which he in our Behalf has done ;
His Kindness this Return exacts,
with which our Praise should equal run.

3 Let the shrill Trumpet's warlike Voice
make Rocks and Hills his Praise rebound :
Praise him with Harp's melodious Noise,
and gentle Psaltery's Silver sound.

4 Let Virgin-Troops soft Timbrels bring,
and some with graceful Motion Dance ;
Let Instruments of various Strings
with Organs join'd, his praise advance.

5 Let them who joyful Hymns compose,
to Cymbals let their Songs of Praise ;
Cymbals of common Use, and those
that loudly sound on solemn Days.

6 Let all their vital Breath enjoy,
the Breath he does to them afford,
In just Returns of Praise employ,
let every Creature praise the Lord.

G L O R I A

Common Measure.

TO Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore;
Be Glory, as it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

As Psalm 15.

To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, Glory be;
As 'twas, and is, and shall be so
to all Eternity.

As the 100 Psalm.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God, whom Earth and Heav'n adore;
Be Glory, as it was of Old,
is now, and shall be evermore.

As Psalm 37. and last Part of the 113th
Psalm Tune.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God, whom Heav'n's Triumphant Host,
and Suff'ring Saints on Earth adore,
Be Glory, as in Ages past,
As now it is, and so shall last
when Time itself must be no more:

As Psalm 149.

To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit ever blest,
Eternal Three in One,
All Worship be address'd.
As heretofore,
It was, is now,
And shall be so
For evermore.

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As Psalm 149.

By Angels in Heav'n
of every Degree,
And Saints upon Earth,
All Praise be address'd
To God in Three Persons,
One God ever blest;
As it has been, now is,
and always shall be.

F I N I S.

